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RECORD

OF THE

MESSLER (METSELAER) FAMILY









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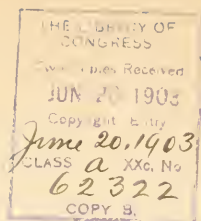
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AND TO THE MEMORY OF  
REVEREND DOCTOR ABRAHAM MESSLER





## PREFACE

The character and scope of this work are what its title imports, namely, a genealogical record of a family, extending in nine generations from the original emigrant-ancestor from Holland to America, and embracing a period to the present time of at least two hundred and sixty years. It cannot, of course, be viewed in any sense as a literary product, inasmuch as it deals with the bare chronology of human lives. It thus partakes of the nature of a reference manual. In this aspect the work is an historical recital of the four unsolved mysteries of human existence—birth, which marks life's commencement of a sentient being; marriage, an institution under which occur other births of a succeeding generation; the limited continuity of life; and lastly, death, the termination of life on earth.

As far as I have been able to discover from various sources of evidence, the commencement of this work by my grandfather, the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler of Somerville, New Jersey, may be assigned to the middle of the last century.

During the remainder of his life, a term of thirty years, Dr. Messler gradually collected together in the form of notes much of the matter relating to the earlier generations, and which constitutes the basis upon which the later fabric has been built. The material, doubtless, was gathered from many sources—some of it through hearsay and tradition from a grandfather, who in turn may have had it transmitted to him by an earlier ancestor; some from historical research in local publications; some from church registers, which, in the denomination of the Reformed Dutch churches in America, are unusually full and complete; some from correspondence; and some from personal recollections. All this early material which Dr. Messler had garnered in various fields, bearing on the genealogy, passed, at his death in 1882, to his son and my father, the late Thomas D. Messler. Mr. Messler, however, owing to the demands upon his time in an official capacity, found no opportunity to engage his attention on the genealogy until the year 1889, when a release from some of his official railway duties gave him more leisure. From this time forward, it seems, the work was considerably extended. Many links were found and traced by sending circular letters to persons bearing the family name, who in return would fill in accompanying blank forms with the requisite information. The facts thus elicited would open up new chan-

nels of inquiry, and, following these, further facts would be developed. Thus the process was continued until the work was well advanced.

On the death of my father in 1893, all the materials which had been collected by him and by his father before him passed into my possession. What had been commenced I then resolved to finish as far as possible, within known limitations. And so it is that during the interval of ten years which has now elapsed, I have been enabled, through many long periods of interruption and through many difficulties and misgivings as well, to still further elaborate and amplify the work down to and including the present, or ninth generation.

In reviewing and systematically arranging the materials then already at hand I early foresaw that, as some of the links in the second and third generations and many of those in the later generations were irretrievably lost, ultimately a point would be reached where further inquiries would be useless in the endeavor to ascertain missing names.

As each generation succeeded a preceding one, so the ramifications and number of names increased in the generations while advancing towards the present age. Migrations of children as they reached maturity to widely scattered parts of the country from their native localities, which became pronounced with the advent of railway intercommunication, and more and more so as the railway systems developed; a loss of knowledge of facts concerning births, marriages, and deaths; the whereabouts of near or distantly related kinsmen unknown at the source of inquiry; and many other circumstances will sufficiently account for the impossibility of now supplying the missing links in the genealogical chain. The vicissitudes and changes, which are the common heritage of life, bring with them births and deaths constantly occurring; and so it is that no genealogy can ever be said to be complete at any given moment. I have considered, therefore, that, under all the present conditions, the time has come to close the record and put it into the permanent form of a printed volume.

This is now done, not in the spirit of family glorification, but to preserve in a compact and unified form facts, gleaned during more than half a century, which would otherwise become wholly lost in the passage of time.

The work is, of course, in no sense a contribution to literature, neither is it curious or diverting; but it is simply a compilation of brief facts touching the births, marriages, and deaths of human lives in successive generations.

These facts in a few instances have been elaborated into biographical monographs where the requisite knowledge has permitted it. The work is not brought out for publication, but is intended for private distribution only among those persons who bear the Messler name, or among those who are affiliated with it by ties of kinship. To this limited class it is hoped that it may not prove uninteresting.

The mechanical arrangement of the genealogical record follows the usual custom of assigning in progressive order a number to each person's name which appears in the record.

REMSEN VARICK MESSLER.

PITTSBURG, March 8, 1903.



## FIRST GENERATION.

The name of MESSLER, or METSELAER, as it was originally written, was introduced into America by three emigrants from Holland. The name is still extant in that country, as the editor's grandfather, the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler of Somerville, New Jersey, discovered it in a Directory of Amsterdam, Holland, when he was in Europe in 1854. He afterwards saw the residence of the person bearing the name, which had at the door a sign with the following inscription, viz.:

"C. METSELAER,  
"NOTARIS,  
"On de Spiegel Straat, 163."

The name of Abraham Metselaer was also discovered in the same directory, but Dr. Messler does not say in what particular locality in Amsterdam he lived.\*

When the editor was in Holland on a brief foreign tour in July, 1894, he saw in the little church at the village of Broek a number of slabs in the floor having on them the name of Metselaer, with dates of the 17th century and the 18th century as well. These simple stones marked the last resting-places of those who in life had been prosperous and respectable people of that village and its neighborhood.

In Brand's History of the Reformation in Holland, Volume 4, page 169, edition of 1722, London, there is a notice of one Peter Metselaer, living at Hazerwoude, near Leyden, Holland, having had an altercation with a person by the name of Walligh Martinsen, September 20, 1620. The name itself is of Holland origin and signifies a "Mason." Probably the persons who first assumed it were of that craft, or guild.

\*The following names and addresses of persons bearing the name of "Metselaer" living in Amsterdam were found by Dr. Messler's son, the late Thomas D. Messler, when he visited Holland in 1891, viz.:

C. M. Metselaer, 7, Regulierdwarstraat.

J. H. C. Metselaer, 105, A, Uilenburgerstraat.

S. H. Metselaer, 15, Piperstraat.

A. J. Metselaer, 115, Gelderschekade.

C. Metselaer, 6, Wolvenstraat, en 122, Sarphatistraat, bighd Alexanderplein.

"Tapyten, Meubelstoffen, Behangelspapier, Behangery."

C. A. Metselaer, 192, Kirkstraat.

It is not known, however, from what particular part of Holland the early emigrants came, nor the precise dates when they reached America. Their names were:

1. Teunis Thomasen Metselaer.
2. Teunis Teunisen Metselaer.
3. Jan Adamsen Metselaer.

1. TEUNIS THOMASEN METSELAER must have emigrated as early as 1640, if not before, for he had a daughter baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam (now New York) in November of that year, and it is fair to infer that she was born shortly before that date. He was appointed a Burgher of New Amsterdam in 1657. His wife's name was Belitje Jacobs, and they were doubtless married in Holland, as no record of their marriage exists in the annals of that church.

They lived in New Amsterdam for many years and she was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church in that city in 1649, under the auspices of which all their children were baptized.

They had five children, two of whom were sons, as will hereafter appear under the head of "Second Generation."

One of these sons left descendants; but, inasmuch as he, at the time of the baptism of his first child, assumed the surname of Quick, no descendants of his, of the name of Metselaer in the male line, are known.

The reason of this change of surname is not of record.

Possibly it may be explained by the fact that, in early Colonial days, surnames among our Dutch ancestors were little used. Children sometimes, as in this case, assumed a different name from that of the father, or they took the name of either of their parents, or they assumed the baptismal name of their father, with the syllable "sen" added thereto, in the case of a son, meaning the "son of," as, for instance, Teunis Metselaer having a son baptized Jan, the latter would be known as Jan Teunisen, that is, Jan, the son of Teunis. A daughter might be baptized Geertje and she would be known as Geertje Teunis-Metselaer, the surname of the father not being used in either case, or only in rare instances. Thus it is found a difficult, if not an impossible task, to trace the connection in every instance between parents, children and grandchildren.

Diligent search, even with the aid of the foregoing knowledge, has failed to disclose any descendants of the sons of Teunis Thomasen Metselaer bearing that surname, so that shortly after his death it may be assumed that the name of Metselaer became extinct, so far as he was concerned.



2. TEUNIS TEUNISEN METSELAER was in Beverwyck (now Albany, New York) as early as 1641. He probably came to America with Teunis Thomasen and possibly was related to him.

Probably he was a cousin, as the similarity of their christened names would indicate. He could hardly have been a brother, as it is to be inferred that Teunis Thomasen was the son of Thomas, while Teunis Teunisen was the son of Teunis.

Their fathers may have been brothers in Holland.

His wife's name was Egbertje Egberts, and they were probably married in Holland. They settled on the manor lands of the Patroon Van Rennselaer near Albany, which is authenticated by the records, still in existence, of the Manor House at Albany, in which the surname is given as "De Metselaer." He made his will August 17, 1685, and he may have died that year.

He left his property to his wife and children hereafter named. In the Fourth generation the descendants assumed the name of Egberts, which was the surname of his wife, so that after that period no descendants of his having the name of Metselaer existed and the name so far as he is concerned is likewise extinct.

3. JAN ADAMSEN METSELAER was in New Amsterdam probably in or before 1649. In 1650 he was a Corporal on the South River, now the Delaware River, and he returned to New Amsterdam in 1654, when he is said to have been twenty-eight years of age. This would indicate that he was born in 1626.

His precise birthplace in Holland is not known, but he no doubt emigrated from that country, where he married his wife, whose name was Geertje (Gertrude) Dircks. She was a member of the Dutch Church in New Amsterdam in 1649. Under date of June 11, 1654, he made oath to a declaration in New Amsterdam, before Cornelius Van Ruyven, "admitted Secretary in the service of the West India Company in the New Netherlands," concerning the arrival of a Swedish ship, the Captain of which declared she had come to seize the Fort on the South River—Fort Casamier. He is also mentioned as a creditor of the Colony, June 14, 1664, for one pound sterling for powder to fill cartridges for the sloop "Mos," going with soldiers to the "Kill von Kol." He is also mentioned in the list of names of the Dutch who took the oath of allegiance to the King of England, October 21, 22, 24 and 25, 1664, after the surrender of New Amsterdam to the British forces in that year. Abraham Metselaer, his son, also took the oath of allegiance

at the same time. Jan Metselaer made his will January 20, 1695, and died shortly afterwards, as his wife, Geertje, to whom he left the principal portion of his property, made her will on June 10, 1697. She was named as his executrix and he bequeathed to his son Abraham his large Dutch Bible and six shillings current money, all the remainder of his estate being bequeathed to his wife. She bequeathed the principal portion of her estate to her son, Hendrick, after providing small legacies to her other children.

The name Metselaer, borne by Teunis Thomasen and Teunis Teunisen, having become extinct after a few generations, the present name of Messler has undoubtedly descended from Jan Adamsen Metselaer. He resided in New Amsterdam in 1665 on Marketfield Street. This was originally called the "Oblique Road," and afterwards, upon the streets of the city being named, it was designated as the "Marckvelt Steegie," or Marketfield path. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam in 1686.

## SECOND GENERATION.

TEUNIS THOMASEN METSELAER (1) and BELITJE JACOBS, his wife, had five children:

4. HILLEGOND, born in New Amsterdam (New York), baptized November 25, 1640, and married to Jacobus Teunisen Van Tuyl, March 29, 1658. A few years later he assumed the name of DeKay—from whom the DeKay family is descended. He was a man of ability and influence in his day. He was an active opponent against the usurpation of Governor Leisler, who caused the former's arrest and who had him dragged to the Fort in New Amsterdam on August 16, 1687. With others, Van Tuyl signed an address to King William and Queen Mary of England, complaining of the exercise of arbitrary power on the part of Governor Leisler, and praying for a redress of grievances.

He was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church in that city in 1649, and an Elder in 1676, and continued to serve in the office for several years. His wife, Hillegond, was also a member of that church shortly after 1649. They lived on the present east side of White Hall Street, New York. This street was at that time called Exchange Street, and was a part of the Marketfield and Broadway. He also owned a residence on the present Beaver Street, between Stone Street and the Bowling

Green. He died in 1707, a wealthy man for those early days of the new settlement.

5. MARITJE, born in New Amsterdam and baptized March 23, 1642. Betrothed in September, 1659, and married to Sebastian Claes Van Levenhuysen, September 20, 1659.

6. THOMAS, born as above and baptized April 24, 1644.

7. GEERTJE, born as above and baptized November 12, 1645. She married Carsten Luursen, December 1, 1668. He was a member of the Dutch Church in New Amsterdam, having joined the church on April 6, 1667. He had previously married, but his first wife's name is not now known. His second wife, Geertje, was a member of the Dutch Church, April, 12, 1665. They resided on the "Strand," which embraced the land known as the "Water Side," on the west side of White Hall Street, between the present State and Pearl streets, and the north side of Pearl Street and Hanover Square, between White Hall Street and Wall Street. His wealth, according to an early census of the city, was estimated at \$7,500, which in those days was considered a very comfortable fortune.

8. DIRCK, born as above and baptized July 26, 1648. He married Johanna Jans in 1672. On the occasion of the baptism of their first child, June 7, 1673, he assumed the name of Quick. They lived in New Amsterdam on the present Pearl Street, between State and White Hall streets. He and his wife were members of the Dutch Church in 1686. At a convention in the City Hall, September 4, 1689, he was named as a Justice of the Peace.

TEUNIS TEUNISEN METSELAER (2) and EGBERTJE EGBERTS, his wife, had seven children:

9. MARITJE, born at Beverwyck (now Albany), New York. Married to Harmen Lieverse about 1683. They lived at Beverwyck, and she died in January, 1757, at an advanced age.

10. EGBERT, born as above. He married Maritje Barents Bradt about 1680. He was one of the Deacons in the Dutch Church at Beverwyck in 1687, and they resided in Beverwyck. He made his will December 2, 1704, and died before June 26, 1716, for on that date his will was proven.

11. GEERTJE, born as above. She married Andrias Hanse Barheit at Beverwyck about 1684. She died there before 1699.

12. DIRCKJE, born as above. She married Bastian Visscher about 1683. They also lived in Beverwyck, and there he died April 23, 1737. From them is descended one branch of

the numerous Visscher family. She died in the town where she lived and was interred there April 7, 1739.

13. WILLEMTJE, born as above in 1662. She was married to Anthony Bradt, December 9, 1685.

14. ANNA, born as above in 1664, and married to Dirck Bradt, September 12, 1686.

15. MARTIN, born as above in 1666. This young man is mentioned as having got into a fight with Jacobus Borsboom in 1687, whom he wounded in the head with a dagger, for which he was hauled out of bed and put in the stocks.

JAN ADAMSEN METSELAER (3) and GEERTJE DIRCKS, his wife, had nine children:

16. SEBASTIAN, born at New Amsterdam (New York), and baptized September 4, 1658.

17. GEERTJE, born as above and baptized in New Amsterdam, November 26, 1659.

18. DIRCK, born as above and baptized February 6, 1661.

19. ABRAHAM, born as above and baptized August 28, 1662. He is supposed to have died prior to 1671.

20. MARITJE, born as above and baptized January 14, 1665. She married Thomas J. Van Steenburgh. They had a daughter, Margaret, who married Cornelius De La Maistre, September 28, 1703. He was born at Kingston, New York, May 6, 1683.

From them is descended one branch of the Delamater family.

21. BARBERTJE, born as above and baptized September 12, 1666.

22. JACOBUS, born as above and baptized August 5, 1668.

23. ABRAHAM, born as above and baptized March 22, 1671. He married as his first wife, Haantje Dircks, and as his second wife, Haantje Woertman. His third wife was Agnietje Staats. He is supposed to have been named after his brother Abraham, who was born in 1662, and who died about 1671.

From him are descended the families bearing the name of Messler, now living in New Jersey and elsewhere. He is mentioned as having sold a house and lot on Petticoat Lane, New York, or "Marckvelt Steegie," as it was called in the days of the Dutch occupation. The conveyance was made September 23, 1713, to Benjamin James for the consideration of sixty pounds sterling.

24. HENDRICK, born as above in 1676. He married Johanna Clara Eyck, February 2, 1698. He is mentioned as

having sold on August 12, 1703, to his brother Abraham, a house and lot on Markable Street, New York, lately the property of his father, Jan Adamsen Metselaer, for the consideration of fifty pounds sterling. He is named as one of the petitioners of the Protestants of New York to King William III. of England, December 30, 1701, for the redress of grievances. He is also named as one of the signers of an "Address of the inhabitants of the Province of New York" to Lord Cornbury, Governor of New York, congratulating him on his safe arrival, and assuring him of support and expressing confidence in his government.

### THIRD GENERATION.

JACOBUS\* TEUNISEN VAN TUYL and HILLEGOND TEUNIS METSELAER (4), his wife, had fourteen children:

25. TEUNIS, born in New Amsterdam and baptized there on April 4, 1659. He married Helena Van Brugh, daughter of Johannes Van Brugh, April 25, 1680. Johannes Van Brugh was an eminent merchant and a man of influence in New Amsterdam.

He occupied positions of high trust in the government of the city. Helena, his daughter, was born in New Amsterdam and baptized there, July 28, 1660. She was a member of the Dutch Church in 1686. Teunis was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church on November 30, 1676. He was a merchant in New Amsterdam in good repute, and was Assistant Alderman from the North Ward in 1685, '86 and '87. He was also one of the Church Wardens in 1698. He be-

\*Jacobus Teunisen Van Tuyl, about the year of the birth of his fourth child, Johannes, in 1664, assumed, for some reason which is not now known, the surname of De Kay.

The changing of the family name, during the 17th century, more especially among the Dutch settlers, seems to have been a practice not unusual.

Jacobus was one of the Elders of the Dutch Church in 1670, in New Amsterdam. At that time Col. Francis Lovelace, Governor of the Colony under the English rule, offered one thousand guilders per annum, a dwelling-house free of rent, and firewood gratis, to any minister from Holland who would take charge of the church in New Amsterdam. Dominie Wilhelmus Van Nieuwenhuysen was induced to accept this liberal offer, and, accordingly, in the summer of 1671, he was installed.

The English rulers thus virtually recognized and established the Dutch Church in New York.



came a member of the Common Council of the city in 1689, which was convened in special session with the special council of Lieutenant Governor Nicholson to consider as to the proper course to pursue to keep the country quiet on the occasion of the imprisonment of Governor Andros by the Revolutionists of New England. He was elected an Alderman in the summer of 1691. He was instrumental in the opening of Nassau Street, New York, in June, 1696, having successfully petitioned the Mayor and Common Council for the privilege of making a cartway through "the street that ran by the pie-woman to the City Common." The land alongside was given to him as a compensation for his labor.

While he was an apprentice to a merchant in New York, he was arbitrarily arrested at the same time as his father, and carried to the Fort, at the instance of the usurper, Governor Leisler, December 23, 1689. He joined with others in signing an address to King William and Queen Mary of England, complaining of the exercise of oppressive and unauthorized power on the part of Governor Leisler, and praying for a redress of grievances. He lived on Bridge Street in New Amsterdam.

26. JANNEKEN, born in New Amsterdam and baptized there December 15, 1660. She died early in life, and the next daughter was given the same name in 1665.

27. JOHANNES, born as above and baptized January 28, 1662. He died in infancy and the next son was named for him in 1664.

28. JOHANNES, born as above and baptized June 8, 1664. This child also must have died early, as the next son was also baptized in 1668, with the same name. At this period, 1664, Jacobus Van Tuyl, the father, assumed the name of De Kay.

29. JANNEKEN, born as above and baptized November 28, 1665. She married Jeremiah Tothill, May 31, 1686. He was an Englishman who had established himself in New York after its capture from the Dutch by the British forces in 1664. He occupied a position of repute and good standing there.

He joined with others in signing the address, before referred to, to King William and Queen Mary, complaining of the arbitrary powers assumed by Governor Leisler and asking that he be removed from his office. He also was a signer of the petition of the New Amsterdam Protestants to the King on December 30, 1701, praying for the redress of certain grievances. He was also a signer of the address of the inhabitants of the Province of New York to Lord Cornbury, the



new Governor, on October 2, 1702, in which address they assured Lord Cornbury of their loyalty and promised support to his administration.

30. JOHANNES, born in New Amsterdam and baptized July 18, 1668. This child, being the third of that name in that family, also died in infancy.

31. AGNIETJE, born as above and baptized July 6, 1670. She was a member of the Dutch Church, September 3, 1688. She was married to Henricus De Meyer, April 27, 1689. He was a prominent and successful merchant in New York, where he died about 1694. Agnietje married as her second husband, William Janeway, on August 11, 1695. He was an Englishman who came to New York in 1693, as Purser of His Majesty's ship "Richmond," commanded by Capt. John Evans. Mr. Janeway was admitted as a freeman of the city in 1695. In 1700 he was acting as Captain Evans' agent, to whom an extensive grant of land had been made, about forty miles long and twenty in width, lying on the west side of the Hudson River. This grant was afterwards canceled. William Janeway was a Vestryman of Trinity Church in 1697, and also from 1702 to 1704. He was generally esteemed as an influential citizen.

32. JACOBUS, born as above and baptized November 23, 1672. In 1694 he married Sarah Willet, a daughter of Col. Thomas Willet, of Flushing, Long Island.

33. MARITJE, born as above and baptized January 27, 1675. She married Pieter Belyn, a widower, October 28, 1699.

34. SAMUEL, born as above and baptized April 4, 1677. This son died in childhood.

35. JOHANNES, born as above and baptized April 1, 1679.

36. RACHEL, born as above and baptized August 25, 1680. This daughter also died in infancy.

37. SAMUEL, born as above and baptized December 20, 1682.

38. RACHEL, born as above and baptized September 26, 1686.

SEBASTIAN CLAES VAN LEVENHUYSEN and MARITJE TEUNIS METSELAER (5), his wife, had one child:

39. BELITJE, born in New Amsterdam and baptized June 13, 1660.

CARSTEN LUURSEN and GEERTJE TEUNIS METSELAER (7), his wife, had eleven children:

40. MARITJE, born in New Amsterdam and baptized May 25, 1670. She married Johannes Van der Spiegel, April 16, 1688.

41. CARSTEN, born as above and baptized July 10, 1672. On June 1, 1692, he married Petronella Van der Heul, a daughter of Abraham Van der Heul and Tryntje Hendricks Kip. Petronella was born in Amsterdam, Holland.

42. ANNA, born as above and baptized September 19, 1674. About the year 1700 she was married to Johannes Jansen.

43. TEUNIS, born as above and baptized October 17, 1676.

44. AELTJE, born as above and baptized December 9, 1678.

45. JOHANNES, born as above and baptized April 19, 1681.

46. HENRICUS, born as above and baptized March 7, 1683.

47. BELITJE, born as above and baptized December 20, 1684. She married Albert de Vries on September 11, 1699. She died prior to August 16, 1703, as on that day her husband married Emmetje Van Dyck.

48. GEERTRUYDT, born as above and baptized June 14, 1686. This child died in infancy.

49. SAMUEL, born as above and baptized November 6, 1687.

50. GEERTRUYDT, born as above and baptized April 5, 1691.

DIRCK TEUNISEN METSELAER (8) and JOHANNA JANS, his wife, had three children:

51. TEUNIS, born in New Amsterdam and baptized June 7, 1673. At this time Dirck Metselaer assumed the name of Quick, the reason for which is not known.

52. ELIZABETH, born as above and baptized September 13, 1680.

53. MARITJE, born as above and baptized September 13, 1680, these two last children being twins.

EGBERT METSELAER (10) and MARITJE BAR-ENT BRADT, his wife, had seven children:

54. TEUNIS, born in Albany about 1681. He married Engeltje Beeckman, daughter of Martin Hendrick Beeckman and Susanna Jans, February 28, 1716.

55. DIRCKJE, born about 1683.

56. BARENT, born as above and baptized in 1684. He married as his first wife Maritje De Garmoux, daughter of Pierre De Garmoux and Caatje Van Der Heyden, August 26, 1704. His second wife was Elsie Van Lorn, widow of Omi La Grange, whom he married in June, 1727. Maritje, the first wife, died and was buried at Albany, January 9, 1725.

57. BENJAMIN, born as above and baptized March 28, 1686. He married Annetje Visscher, daughter of Tierck Harmense Visscher and Femmitje Jans, about 1710. She died and was interred at Albany, October 22, 1753.

58. JEREMIAH, born as above and baptized December 4, 1687.

59. SUSANNA, born as above and baptized January 20, 1689. She married Jacob Tierck Visscher, June 21, 1709. They had no children.

60. GEERTJE, born as above and baptized December 6, 1690.

BASTIAN VISSCHER and DIRCKJE METSELAER (12), his wife, had seven children :

61. HESTER, born in Albany and baptized May 17, 1684. She married Eldert Cornelius Tymensen, October 28, 1709.

62. MARIA, born as above and baptized October 10, 1686. She married Evert Ryckse Van Vranken, November 14, 1709.

63. GEERTRUYDT, born as above and baptized August 20, 1693. She married Samuel Cregier, May 20, 1716.

64. ANNA, born as above and baptized April 26, 1696. She was married to Dirck Newkirk, October 19, 1718.

65. HARMANUS, born as above and baptized January 5, 1700. He married, on August 4, 1731, Sarah Wyngaart.

66. TEUNIS, born as above and baptized April 3, 1702. He married Machtel Lansing, January 10, 1727.

67. EGBERTJE, born as above and baptized in 1703. She married Johannes De Garmoux, or De Garmo, October 9, 1719.

THOMAS J. VAN STEENBURGH and MARITJE METSELAER (20), his wife, had one child :

68. MARGARET, born in New Amsterdam and baptized in 1685. She married Cornelius De La Maistre, September 28, 1703. He was born at Esopus (now Kingston, New York). May 6, 1683.

From them is descended one branch of the Delamater family.

ABRAHAM METSELAER (23) and HAANTJE DIRCKS, his wife, had two children:

69. JOHANNES, born in New Amsterdam and baptized December 16, 1694. His wife's Christian name was Catryntje. Her surname is not known. Early in life, some time prior to 1717, he removed to the valley of the Raritan River in New Jersey, where he purchased a farm in what is now Franklin Township in Somerset County, in the neighborhood of the present village of Middlebush. He was one of the original subscribers to the organization of the First Reformed Dutch Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey, which was effected on August 1, 1717. He was a Deacon of that church in 1749 and an Elder in 1754. He is also named as one of the corporate members of the Five Churches of New Brunswick, Raritan, Six Mile Run, Millstone and North Branch in 1753. The Charter of the Five Churches was granted by Jonathan Belcher on the seventh of June of that year.

Johannes Metselaer was a man of very decided religious convictions. When Whitefield appeared in New Brunswick, he was among his first hearers and one of Whitefield's most ardent admirers. He followed him from place to place and never failed to hear him, if possible. He adhered also to Reverend Theodore J. Frelinghuysen, and though his name does not appear in any public proceedings, no one stood by the cause of spiritual Christianity more stoutly than he did.

As a Christian man he was eminent, loving the truth and walking in it all his days. There were but few men in the old colonial days who knew the truth and had experience of its power, or who believed in salvation through grace, but he was one of them. His farm was situated at Middlebush, on the road leading from Cedar Grove to Middlebush, and the house, which is still standing, or was a few years since, is the first one north of the road to Weston, on the east side.

Here he came in the autumn and here he built himself a temporary lodgment, in which he passed the first winter.

His farm in 1733 consisted of fifty acres, for which, with his live stock, he was taxed one pound, two shillings and two pence. Afterwards, in 1749, he purchased of Thomas Otto, an additional one and a half acres, for five pounds and eight shillings. He purchased additional lands at other times, for, from conveyances still in existence, it appears that his son Abraham sold one hundred and thirty-two acres as his part of the paternal estate, and another son, Cornelius, sold one hundred and thirty acres, in all two hundred and sixty-two acres,

as the homestead of Johannes. Besides these lands, he owned a farm of one hundred and three acres in Washington Valley.

He died on the homestead farm in 1761. His will is dated May 20, 1760, and it was probated March 6, 1761.\*

70. PIETER, born in New Amsterdam and baptized February 7, 1697. He married Maritje, whose surname is likewise unknown. He also removed to New Jersey, at or about the same time as his brother Johannes, it is supposed. They were together at Middlebush in Somerset County in 1735, when at this time Pieter was taxed for his farm of one hundred acres and his live stock one pound, five shillings and two pence.

He was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1732. He made his will June 20,

\*The last will and testament of Johannes Metselaer was published in full in the New Brunswick (N. J.) "Times" of April 4, 1891, as a curious local antiquity. The newspaper clipping states that the will was admitted to probate on the 6th of March, 1761, with the seal of Charles Read, Esqr., Register, under the "gracious sanction of Thomas Boone, Esqr., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of New Jersey and Territories therein depending in America."

It is described as being in a good state of preservation, the material being heavy old parchment, which might have served as a Revolutionary drum-head. The will follows:

In the name of God, Amen, the twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, I, Johannes Messelaer, in the County of Somerset and Province of East New Jersey, farmer, being in good health in body & perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefor, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:—principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike & decent manner of the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God. As touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner & Form. *Imprimis*, I order that all my just debts and all my funeral expenses be well and truly paid and discharged out of my estate. Then I give, devise, order & bequeath unto Catrine, my beloved wife, that she shall be maintained out of my estate by my children and each of them to pay an equal part towards maintaining of her, and if she requires it that they shall pay her twenty Pounds a year, that is yearly, as long as she remains my widow, current Jersey money at eight shillings pr. ounce, which will be for each of them to give to their mother yearly three Pounds, six Shillings & eight Pence, that is to say, my son Abraham Messeler, or his heirs, to pay to his mother Catrine yearly the Sum of three Pounds, six Shillings & eight Pence, and my son Cornelius Messeler, or his heirs, to pay to



1761, which was recorded May 25, 1765, so that he died shortly before the latter date.

HENDRICK METSELAER (24) and JOHANNA CLARA EYCK, his wife, had one child:

71. JOHANNES, born in New Amsterdam and baptized September 9, 1699.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

TEUNIS EGBERTS METSELAER (54) and ENGELTJE BEECKMAN, his wife, had ten children:

72. MARITJE, born at Albany, New York, and baptized July 15, 1717.

his mother Catrine yearly the sum of three Pounds, six Shillings & eight Pence, and my son Peter Messeler, or his heirs, to pay his Mother Catrine yearly three Pounds, six Shillings & eight Pence, and my daughter Eaffie, the wife of Jacob Buyse, or her heirs, to pay her mother Catrine yearly three Pounds, six Shillings & eight Pence, and my Daughter Hampje, the wife of Johannes Connelie, or her heirs, to pay to her mother Catrine yearly three Pounds, six shillings & eight Pence, and my daughter Sarah, the wife of Jacobus Stryker, or her heirs, to pay to her Mother Catrine yearly three Pounds, six shillings and eight Pence, all being Jersey money at eight shillings pr. Oz. Then it is my further will that all my real & Personal Estate be sold forth with after my decease to the best advantage, according to the discretion of my Executors, and that it be equally divided amongst my Children, and that it be divided into six equal Parts excepting my Son Abraham to have five Pounds money as afores'd, above the sixth part for his birth right to him and his heirs and assigns forever, and to my Son Cornelius one sixth part to him and his heirs and assigns forever, and to my Son Peter one sixth part to him and his heirs & assigns forever, and to my Daughter Eaffie, the wife of Jacob Buyse, one sixth part to her and her heirs & assigns forever, and to my Daughter Sarah, the wife of Jacobus Stryker, one sixth Part to her and her heirs & assigns forever, and it is my further will if any of my Children should die without heirs that the part so bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst the remaining children Share and Share alike, and lastly Too I hereby nominate, constitute & Appoint my loving Sons Abraham & Cornelius Messler, with my loving Friend John Brokaw, to be my executors of this my last will and testament & do hereby revoke, disannul & make void all former wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made, declaring this to be my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I, the said Testator, Johannes Messeler, to this my last will & Testament have sett my hand and Seal the day and year first above written. Signed, sealed, Published, declared and delivered by the said Testator Johannes Messeler his last will & Testament in the Presence of those witnesses whose names are hereunto subscribed. JOHANNES MESSELER. (L. S.)

John Aten, Thomas Aten,  
Mich. Vanderbelt.



73. NEELTJE, born as above and baptized June 30, 1718.  
 74. SUSANNA, born as above and baptized March 30, 1720.  
 75. LENA, born as above and baptized August 30, 1721.  
 This child died early.  
 76. EGBERT, born as above and baptized June 16, 1723.  
 77. LENA, born as above and baptized August 23, 1725.  
 She also died when a child.  
 78. ANNA, born as above and baptized October 1, 1727.  
 79. MARIA, born as above and baptized January 4, 1730.  
 80. LENA, born as above and baptized March 11, 1733.  
 81. MARTIN, born as above and baptized June 3, 1736.

BARENT EGBERTS METSELAER (56) and MARITJE DE GARMOUX, his wife, had six children:

82. EGBERTS TEUNIS, born at Albany, New York, and baptized January 13, 1706.  
 83. PIETER, born as above and baptized September 19, 1708.  
 84. MARITJE, born as above and baptized February 10, 1712.  
 85. CATRINA, born as above and baptized January 23, 1715.  
 86. SUSANNA, born as above and baptized April 6, 1718.  
 87. JACOB, born as above and baptized September 13, 1724.  
 No children are recorded as born of the second marriage.

BENJAMIN EGBERTS METSELAER (57) and ANNETJE VISSCHER, his wife, had four children:

88. EGBERTS TEUNISSE, JR., born at Albany, New York, and baptized March 4, 1711. His first wife was Rachel, her surname being unknown. He married Maria Lents as his second wife. He made his will in 1771, in which he mentions his wife Maria and the estate that came to him by right of his mother, Annetje Visscher, according to the will of her father, Tierck Harmense Visscher. Egberts Metselaer died shortly after making his will.  
 89. MARITJE, born as above and baptized February 21, 1714. She married Jacob L. Lansing, Jr., November 6, 1742. He was born July 12, 1714, and died January 18, 1791. His wife died March 9, 1791. He was an officer in the Revolutionary Army, and commanded a regiment at the battle of Still Water.

When a Captain he was in the "Middle Fort" at Schoharie, New York, when it was attacked by Sir John Johnson and the Indians under Brandt.

90. FEMMETJE, born as above and baptized January 16, 1717.

91. LENA, the date of whose birth and baptism is not known.

JOHANNES METSELAER (69) and CATRYNTJE, his wife, had six children:

92. ABRAHAM, born in Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, about 1723. He married, but the name of his wife is not known. In December, 1766, he subscribed one pound, five shillings towards the erection of the first house of worship at Millstone, New Jersey. But little is known concerning him and his wife, except that they were eminent examples of good nature and general favorites in the neighborhood. When and where they died has not been ascertained, but it is probable it was in the township. He lived during the latter part of his life with his brother Cornelius at Somerville and died at an advanced age without issue.

93. CORNELIUS, born as above, December 1, 1725. He married, first, Lena Simonson. His second wife was Maria Dorlandt of Sourland, New Jersey. She was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of North Branch, January 10, 1774. He married as his third wife Ariantje Van Arsdalen, also of Sourland. After the division of the paternal estate, he purchased a farm on the Millstone River, about a mile and a half above Griggstown, lately owned by Peter Van der Veer, where he resided until after the death of his first wife. He was living there in August, 1767, when he gave a bond to Elizabeth Gorlet of Amboy, New Jersey, in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Garret Dorlandt. On April 3, 1753, he purchased of his father a farm containing one hundred and three acres, situated in the Washington Valley, on the road leading from Somerville to Baskingridge, New Jersey, on the east side of the road, contiguous to lands owned by Robert Bolmer.

It is supposed that he did not reside on this property, or, if he did, that it was only for a year or two. He seems to have taken it through some family arrangement, which is not now apparent. After residing for some years in the vicinity of Rocky Hill, his first wife having died, he and his brother-in-law, Abraham Simonson, agreed upon the division between

them of five hundred acres of land, lying between the Lamington and Rockaway rivers, in the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. This farm, after an addition to it of fifty acres, purchased of a Mr. Bergen on the west side, came into the possession of his son Cornelius, where the latter resided until his death in November, 1843. While Cornelius, senior, lived there he was a constant attendant at the First Reformed Dutch Church of Somerville. He was a member of that church in 1762. It is related that his conveyance was a two-horse chaise set upon lofty springs, with spreading wings serving to keep out the wind. He was a fast driver, and it is said that his vehicle had such a rattle that it was not difficult to hear it for a mile distant. The children and servants thus had timely warning and took care to put everything in order before it made its appearance with its occupant. Having become somewhat advanced in his years and desiring to remain near some well-ordered and regularly supplied church, he exchanged his farm with his son, Cornelius, and came to reside near Somerville. Here he often served in the Eldership, and he was generally selected to accompany the Dominie when he went to perform family visitation, on account of his earnest and practical religious spirit.

He was a member from New Brunswick of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, which met in New York, October 3, 1786. After a few years, when his son Lucas was married, he sold his farm near Somerville, and purchased another in the neighborhood of Peapack, a few miles north of Somerville, upon which Lucas lived for several years, while he himself bought a house on New Street, in the city of New Brunswick, where he lived until his death on May 25, 1806. His remains were interred in the Cemetery belonging to the First Reformed Dutch Church, on the east side, and a stone yet marks the spot.

His first wife was buried in the cemetery of the church at Griggstown. His second wife died March 8, 1777, but the place of her interment is not now known. His third wife and his daughter Maria lie by his side. The first wife, Lena Simonson, is spoken of by her grandson, the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler, as a neat, prim little old lady, with an air of town about her, pleasant, quiet, affable and easily approached. All her relations honored her, because they thought she was too good and too kind to merit any other treatment.

She was a fine illustration of the Dutch Colonial lady of the olden time. Her piety was eminent and intelligent.

Of the second wife, Maria Dorlandt, but little is recorded.

The third wife, Ariantje Van Arsdalen, was an example of propriety and industry. She was generally engaged in knitting, when household cares did not occupy her attention, with her Bible open before her. In the morning, when the family came to breakfast, it always rested open on her lap, as if she had been reading it. She was polite and rather formal in her address, intelligent, especially on religious subjects, talkative and speaking in preference the Dutch language, but also English quite as properly, as it was ordinarily spoken, quiet and unobtrusive, but pleased when any attention was shown her, and never in any mood but that of perfect self-possession.

Dr. Messler speaks of her as a person who was superior in the essential qualities of a Christian woman.

94. NEELTJE, or EFFIE, born as above about 1727. She was married to Jacobus Buys, who was a farmer, and they lived in Franklin Township, Somerset County. He made his will on March 6, 1764, which was probated August 26, 1771, so that he died shortly before the latter date. His wife survived him.

95. HAMPJE, born as above about 1728. She married Johannes Powelson, a farmer in that neighborhood.

96. SARAH, born as above about 1729. She married Jacobus Stryker. She died, it is thought, in 1799. Her husband was born probably in 1726 and died in Belleville, New Jersey, January 5, 1820. Both were enrolled as members of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Brunswick, October 23, 1789.

97. PIETER, born as above and baptized at New Brunswick, May 30, 1730. His wife's name was Ariantje, her family name being unknown. He made his will June 20, 1761, which was recorded May 25, 1765, so that he died probably shortly before the latter date.

PIETER METSELAER (70) and MARITJE, his wife, had three children:

98. JACOBUS, born in Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, and baptized at New Brunswick, about 1725.

99. ABRAHAM, born as above and baptized November 4, 1727.

100. ARIANTJE, born as above and baptized also at New Brunswick, October 10, 1736.

## FIFTH GENERATION.

EGBERT TEUNISSE METSELAER (88) and RACHEL, his wife, had five children:

101. BARENT, born at Albany, N. Y., and baptized August 10, 1728.

102. JOHN, born as above and baptized February 25, 1731.

103. PETRUS, born as above and baptized March 18, 1733.

104. REBECCA, born as above and baptized April 13, 1735.

105. MARIA, born as above and baptized December 12, 1739.

By his second wife he had four children:

106. ABRAHAM, born as above and baptized July 6, 1743.

107. ANNETJE, born as above and baptized April 25, 1746.

108. ANTHONY, born as above and baptized July 10, 1752.

109. JACOB VISSCHER, born as above and baptized January 29, 1758. He made a will and died about 1784.

About the time of the birth of Jacob the family dropped the name of "Metselaer" and assumed the name of "Egberts," which was the maiden surname of the wife of Teunis Teunissen Metselaer.

JACOB L. LANSING, JR., and MARITJE METSELAER (89), his wife, had nine children:

110. HELENA, born November 7, 1743. She married Jeremiah Van Rensselaer.

111. BENJAMIN, born November 5, 1744. He died early.

112. ANNETJE, born July 11, 1746. She died November 7, 1824. Her husband was Abraham Ten Eyck, whom she married April 14, 1769.

113. ELSJE, born July 28, 1748. She married Abraham A. Lansing, December 4, 1797, and died July 20, 1811.

114. BENJAMIN, born June 30, 1750, and died in infancy.

115. FEMMETJE, born July 2, 1751, and died March 27, 1807. She married Jacob G. Lansing, August 28, 1774. He died June 21, 1794.

116. JACOB, born August 19, 1753. He married Annetje Quackenbush, January 21, 1790.

117. MARY, born December 5, 1755. She married Hunloke Woodruff, a physician, May 16, 1799.

118. BENJAMIN, born August 6, 1757.



CORNELIUS METSELAER (93), or MESSELER, as the name at this time was frequently spelled, and LENA SIMONSON, his wife, had three children:

119. JOHN, born September 8, 1753. He died when a boy, January 26, 1760.

120. LENA, born January 7, 1756, and baptized February 4, 1756, at Somerville, New Jersey. Her husband was Fredrick Van Liew. She died in 1777, without issue.

\*121. CORNELIUS, born February 9, 1759, and baptized

\*This son, Cornelius Messelaer, who was born in 1759, was the father of the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler of Somerville, New Jersey. By reason of military service in the War of the Revolution the right of membership in the Society of Sons of the Revolution has descended from this ancestor to the editor, a great-grandson. Dr. Messler, in his private notes, now in possession of the editor, has drawn a pen picture of his parents, which affords a striking illustration of rural domestic life in the latter half of the 18th century.

The picture may not be without interest, and for the sake of preserving that which might otherwise become forgotten and lost, what Dr. Messler has recorded from personal recollection is here reproduced:

"Cornelius Messler, my father, born February 9, 1759, married Maria Stryker, a daughter of Dennis Stryker and Lena Hoagland of South Branch, New Jersey. She was born January 1, 1762, and baptized February 21st of that year. They were married November 15, 1781, at her father's house.

"They commenced life on the farm northwest of Somerville, and resided there for the space of twelve years, when they removed to the old homestead on the Lamington River, where they continued to reside the remainder of their lives, both dying in the old mansion-house. Their remains lie interred at White House in the ground where the old church stood.

"My father and mother both made a profession of religion in early life, and justified it by pure and holy lives. My earliest recollection refers to many things in which their piety was manifested to counsels and warnings of the evils of unrighteousness. The domestic altar was a permanent institution, and morning and evening sacrifices of prayer and praise were offered upon it by the whole household. My father read a chapter of God's word himself and then offered an earnest and appropriate prayer, not always in the same words, as if he had learned it by rote, but so varied as to suit circumstances and meet the principal exigencies of the family life. We became so accustomed to this that we felt something had been neglected whenever we had been prevented from being present, and the fruits of it were seen in the decidedly religious character of all the children who grew up in that home, so effectually consecrated by prayer. I think every one of the children, with perhaps one exception, made an early profession of religion, and have since lived a religious life.

"Indeed, there was no sentiment so prominent every day, in all the intercourse of our home, as that piety was first, best, and necessary more than anything else.

"My father was early selected as an officer in the church at Rari-



March 25, 1759. He married Maria Stryker, November 15, 1781. She died October 25, 1832. He was a farmer and resided at White House, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, where he died November 28, 1843.

CORNELIUS MESSELER, SR., and MARIA DORLANDT, his second wife, had six children:

122. LAMETJE, born May 10, 1761, and baptized at Somerville, June 14, 1761. She married Abraham Powelson, who

tan, Bedminster, and White House. He bore his part in *ruling* as well as in sustaining the church. He was one of the few men who built the church at White House, and he stood by it heart and hand as long as he lived, being more than half the time one of the elders. To the prosperity of that church he gave much time and not a little money. In fact, I may say, it shared more largely in his property than any one of his children did. It was a weak church, and hence the calls were many upon the purses of the men who had pledged themselves to see it maintained, and I never saw him falter or heard him complain. It seemed to be what he expected and he met cheerfully every demand by a gift which expressed at once his hearty concurrence and his sense of what his position in the world demanded from him. He was a Christian, not in the observances of the ordinances of Christian religion only, but by a manifestation of its generous and noble spirit of self-denial and charity also. He sought always to do his duty as a Christian. Whatever was pure and true and godlike met his approbation and secured his co-operation. He was a man of peace. In his own house peace reigned, and in his intercourse with his neighbors he always studied the things that make peace. He was a noble-minded man. No one that I ever knew in all my acquaintance seemed to reprobate and condemn more strictly everything that was mean and selfish. His word was as good as his bond, or note of hand. He never sued a man for a debt, and was himself never sued, nor forced by legal process to pay any sum of money.

"I have heard him relate an instance of a man who failed and took the benefit of the insolvent laws, who owed him quite a sum of money. He never spoke to him on the subject while the difficulties lasted and others were enforcing their claims, but waited until he had again commenced business. Then one day he referred to the claim which he held against him and asked him to settle it. 'Certainly,' was the reply, 'I will pay you' at such a time. He called upon him at the appointed time, but the man was not able to meet his engagement, and appointed another time. He called again, but still he had no money; but finally he paid him every cent. And that man was his fast friend ever after, and he always believed that if he had attempted to enforce the claim it would never have been paid. His maxim was that kindness to a debtor was surer than the law in securing the payment of a debt. When he was convinced that the debtor was unable to pay he preferred to forgive him, rather than attempt to recover by law.

"His children always respected him and obeyed him strictly. Even when his sons had come to maturity his known wishes were to them more than law. When he had said 'No,' they knew there was an end of the matter and yielded at once to his decision.

was born February 21, 1755, and who died April 26, 1809. He was buried in the churchyard at Bedminster, New Jersey. He was a farmer and resided near Pluckemin, a village not far from Somerville. His wife died February 2, 1836, and was buried beside him.

123. GARRET, born June 26, 1764, and baptized August 22, 1764. He died in early youth, August 2, 1777.

124. JOHN, born January 10, 1768. This child also died early, August 17, 1777.

"He was a grave man, great in his kindness, but never weak nor mirthful, just and kind in all his ways, considerate of circumstances and indulgent, but seldom indulging in laughter. Happy, but sober and serious, our home was indeed happy, but it was never merry nor thoughtless. He had no difficulty in governing his children or servants, because they knew that he never required anything but what was reasonable and right. He was so truthful and just that no one pretended to refuse when he had decided upon a course of action, or considered that some other might be preferable. His character was a combination of dignity, justice and honor. He could be kind and condescending, but he was never weak. He so respected himself that he secured the respect of all who knew him, and most of all those who were in daily intercourse with him. When the Sabbath came all secular employments were intermitted and nothing was even suffered (except a storm of great violence) to prevent the family from attending on the services of the sanctuary. When he first removed to the old homestead, there was no Dutch church nearer than Bedminster, a distance of six miles, and to reach it it was necessary to traverse two miles of road through his own farm and those which joined it. Gates were to be opened and bars to be taken down and put up, making the passage almost laborious; but this was never regarded as a reason why the family conveyance should not be placed in requisition, and the passage effected. In winter when the weather was severe and the river frozen and mother unable to attend, he would take his staff and set forth on foot, walking the whole distance across the fields and through the woods, in a straight line to the church; and I remember to have heard it said that for a whole year not a single Sabbath came that it did not find him in his place in the church.

"The conveyance which had done duty for many years and was yet in existence when I was young, was a kind of carriage on wooden springs, with a capacious body with curtains and a permanent top, cushioned and lined in the inside with leather. It was not very elegant nor pretentious, but commodious and comfortable, while it contained seats to accommodate six persons, one of which was the driver. When it set out he himself generally preceded on foot and opened the way, until the public road was reached. Then he took his seat and it went on to its destination, slowly always, for, as a merciful man, he never forgot to be merciful to his horses. There were in that day only two family carriages of more pretension and cost in the neighborhood. One which was really a carriage in the proper sense, belonged to Dr. Barnett of New Germantown, and the other to Evert Bergen, our neighbor on the west.

"About the time that I began to prepare for college, our carriage gave out, and as there was about the same time a tax imposed on carriages with springs, it was set aside and never repaired.

125. LUCUS, born September 12, 1770. He married Margaret Vliet, March 22, 1795.

126. SARAH, born January 21, 1773. On October 25, 1791, she married Richard Drake, who was born February 4, 1767. They lived for several years near Somerville, afterwards removing to Ovid, Seneca County, New York, where she died in September, 1826. He died in Monroe County, New York, May 18, 1840.

127. JACOB, born September 29, 1775, and died about 1780.

"My father and mother grew up just before the Revolution, when the opportunities of acquiring a fair education were not good; and yet neither of them were deficient. Both of them read well, wrote and reckoned enough to enable them to transact all their necessary business. We had in the house a small collection of books, chiefly of a religious character, for Sunday reading. Music was cultivated and all the sons older than I sang the common church music so well that several of them acted as choristers in the church. Sabbath afternoons and evenings were often devoted to singing and so made to pass pleasantly by. My mother was a woman of a strong and clear mind, with a kind of native refinement and delicacy which threw around her the air of a lady; and until I went to college and began to mingle in more cultivated society, I had never seen a woman who was her superior in intelligence, delicacy of mind and native culture. It was her business on Sabbath evenings to bring up the catechism and have it recited. She did not make a task of it, had no set lessons, and never went to the length of fixing the number of answers to be given; but we expected to be called up and took care to be provided with a reasonable portion. Indeed, I liked my mother's catechizing. She had a kind way of doing it. She spoke kindly to us. She often recited a hymn for us, which she had committed to memory and I remember more than one of them to-day. They were uniformly sweet, devotional hymns. Or again she had some little narrative to give.

"So we never thought it dull or onerous to recite our catechism. It was the way in which it was taught that made it agreeable, and there was no effort visible. We always considered that it was only our mother's way of doing things. She easily carried away the hearts of her children.

"She had been beautiful when she was young, and with her persuasive manner must have been more than usually interesting as a girl in her early years.

"My father had a personal deformity which increased with his years, and became at last onerous and mortifying. It was a *wen* on the end of his nose. When a young man it was about the size of a cherry, but before he died it had increased to the size of an apple. He sought medical advice more than once in regard to its removal, but it was not considered safe to make the attempt; and he bore it all his days. When he was dead it lay flaccid, like a piece of thin white skin, upon his features, the blood by which it had been distended having all left it. I think his patience under such an affliction was not one of the least evidences of his Christian character. It certainly required heroism to bear it as he did.

CORNELIUS MESSELER, SR., and ARIANTJE VAN ARSDALEN, his third wife, had one child:

128. MARIA, born November 4, 1778. She married Dennis Van Liew. She died at New Brunswick, N. J., August 25, 1832, without issue.

JACOBUS BUYS and NEELTJE (EFFIE) METSELAER (94), his wife, had five children, but it has not been possible to ascertain the dates of their births, baptisms or

"As I knew my father he was not a laboring man, though certainly he merited the title of being an industrious man. He rose early and set his work in motion. He saw it go on and took care to have it well done and with no time lost, but he superintended more than he labored. Light work he at times attempted for a little while, in harvest and hay-making time, but I never saw him plow or mow hay, or handle the cradle. He saw that every one else attended to his own appropriate employment, and then he went away and did the errands, to the blacksmith shop, the store, the shoemaker's and the tailor's, all most commonly on foot, and never in any other way unless, as necessarily was the case at times, there was something to take which was too heavy for him to carry. But he never lingered in any of these places a moment longer than was required to have his work done. If there was anything new to relate when he returned, such as accidents, sickness, or death, he would speak of it in a simple way when all heard him, probably at the table, and then it was done.

"Trifling things, like jokes or ordinary anecdotes, he never repeated, not even in his lighter moods. His talk was grave, serious and worthy of a sensible man, and he uniformly appeared to be impressed with the *seriousness* of life.

"The servants of our family, as I remember it, consisted of an old colored man, who had been originally purchased by my grandfather from an African trader in the city of New York, when a boy of eight or ten years of age. He was a native of the old slave continent, and his name was Tom. He was probably one of a cargo of slaves which arrived at New York August 17, 1764, in the ship "Gideon." There were three hundred of them, "a poor assortment," but Tom proved to be a man and a Christian. The supposition was that he was about the same age as my father's, and they grew up together. He was a permanent and, I may say, a prominent member of the family. Beside him there was from time to time a female servant, and as a consequence of this, children, several of them during my recollection. As they grew up they took the places of their mothers, or went away to work for others. One was given to my wife on the occasion of bringing her first child home to my mother. This one grew up with us and married the colored man of Governor Vroom, a smart hussy, but as mischievous as possible.

"After my sisters had married and left home, the superintendence and work in such a family taxed the energies of my mother to the utmost, perhaps more than they ought to have been taxed. For the last twenty years of her life she was too fleshy to be comfortable, and she often complained of a difficulty in breathing which impeded



deaths, nor whom they married, except in the latter case in one instance.

These children were:

129. JACOB.

130. FULKERT.

131. WEYNTIE.

132. MARY. This daughter married John Hans.

133. ELIZABETH.

her activity. In the end it developed itself as a disease of the heart, and ended in a general dropsy. But she kept her house in order and her maidens in subjection, and the business of the house was never interfered with through any want of energy on her part.

"Our colored man, Tom, was a character in his way. On Sundays he was arrayed in a blue broadcloth coat with large, bright gilt buttons, a yellow vest, and white top-boots. He had a fine beaver hat, better than the one his master wore, and a blackthorn stick in his hand, with his hair black-balled, as well as his boots, after it began to turn gray. When he marched away he was *somebody*. His step and bearing showed that he thought so himself. He averred that 'Cuff' Barnett and himself were the only colored 'gemmen' who attended the church at Lamington. He had been married at one time to a colored woman in General Ludlow's family at Longhill, but he left her after she had brought him a daughter, while he was in a fit of jealousy, and he never went back to her again. About once in a week, or sometimes longer, when the family were at breakfast, he would open the door and looking in would say, 'Well, Boss, what is the work you want me to do to-day?' and receiving his answer he closed the door, and that was about all the ordering he had, or the deference he showed to authority. He left when he was old, in a fit of anger, but he sorely repented it. The last day he lived he spent in my kitchen in Somerville. I confess it was some satisfaction to think of this afterwards, and to know that for that day, at least, he was happy, and that he had had his fill of hot doughnuts. He made a profession of religion, and many a Sabbath evening have I sat on his knee, before a blazing kitchen fire, reading the New Testament to him. Generally he preferred the Book of Revelations to any other part of the Bible. It seemed a kind providence that he had been brought from heathen Africa to Christian America.

"I hope he is in heaven, and I know that in a physical sense merely he suffered less and enjoyed more comfort in our family than he could have done in his native land. He had holes in his ears for rings from a child, and he founded on this fact a theory that he was the son of some great rich man, or chief, and one of his vanities was the wearing of a pair of large pinchbeck earrings, with pendant lunettes, shaking and flashing as he walked. But this was a part of his Sunday dress—and not always then, but rather put on on gala days than on ordinary occasions.

"As my brothers married, they were fitted with horses, wagon, and farming utensils in general, and began life in the small house on the west side of the farm—Cornelius, John, and Peter occupying it in succession. Dennis and Luke had small farms provided for them in other places. To the daughters in the same way an 'outset' was

JOHANNES POWELSON and HAMPJE METSELAER (95), his wife, it is known, had children, but their number, names, and whom they married are not now known, so far as the editor has been able to discover.

SARAH METSELAER (96) married JACOBUS STRYKER. He was born probably in 1726 and died at Belleville, New Jersey, January 5, 1820. She died, it is be-

given. In this way quite a large amount was expended, which diminished in a material degree the estate as it was finally left, but they had the benefit of it when, perhaps, they needed it most. The expense of my education at the academy, college and seminary was paid for as incurred, promptly, every dollar of it.

"During the War of the Revolution my father was frequently called to serve his term in the camp. When independence was declared and the event celebrated in the army, he was at Sandy Hook. Two or three British ships of war were lying off the shore. The movement in the camp, the music and the firing of cannon attracted their attention, and they lifted their anchors and stood in towards the shore, and fired several broadsides at the camp, the balls striking in the sand, sometimes quite near where the soldiers stood.

"He participated to some extent in the fight at Springfield and Connecticut Farms, and he also formed one of the party which attacked the forage wagons at Weston, in Somerset County. He often expressed the opinion that if Major Baird had had the command instead of Colonel Quick, they would have taken the whole party and secured a valuable prize.

"He always represented Quick as having acted the part of a coward on that occasion, and by delay prevented his men from rushing at once upon the convoy of wagons and capturing them, as they could easily have done. I remember often hearing him relate an account of an expedition which he accompanied from White House under Col. Frederick Frelinghuysen to Lebanon, where they captured a Tory by the name of Stoffel. They started about sundown on an autumn evening from White House, and marched quietly and noiselessly to Lebanon, arriving there about midnight. Having surrounded the house with his men, Frelinghuysen went to the door and rapped with the hilt of his sword. In a moment a back window was thrown open and the man they sought jumped out in his shirt, but ran into the arms of one of the men, who at once threw him down and had him bound. They then went to the house in search of something to eat. In the cellar they found a boiled ham and some bread and butter, with a barrel of metheglin, which was soon tapped, and some of the men had the bees buzzing in their heads all the next day and even at nightfall.

"My father went with the party that accompanied the Tory to Trenton, where they lodged him in jail for safekeeping.

"He also told us how his father, one day when the country was alarmed at the raids which the British soldiers made from New Brunswick, summoned him very mysteriously to accompany him to the woods, telling him to provide himself with a spade. They went alone up to the woods southwest of the house, and there carefully and secretly buried a quantity of silver money, but the next morning when the



lieved, in May, 1799. Both were connected with the Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, October 23, 1789. Their children were four in number.

134. ANN, born May 4, 1745. She married William Van Dusen, March 28, 1766. He was born in April, 1736, and died October 17, 1816. She united with the Reformed Dutch Church at New Brunswick, N. J., June 28, 1770, and both were connected with the church in 1794.

alarm had subsided, he was sent early to unbury it, not liking to entrust it longer in such a place, and it was all found safe.

"When the battle of Princeton was fought, the firing even of the small arms was distinctly heard in the barn by the boys who were threshing, and in the evening of the next day the fires of the camp at Pluckemin were distinctly seen from the house. Early the next morning, Tom, the colored man, was sent on horseback to reconnoitre and bring back word what was the meaning of the phenomenon. By eleven o'clock he was back at the house and reported that Washington and his army were encamped there and no further molestation need be feared, and all apprehension of danger was dismissed at once.

"During the time that Dr. John Schureman was the pastor of Bedminster Church, my father's house was one of the places where he held a catechetical exercise for the instruction of the children. I retain a vivid recollection of one of these occasions—just where he stood and prayed, and how I wondered at what Dr. Schureman said in consequence of misunderstanding a single word; and also of opening the gate for him as he drove off in his gig with his wife. We boys had been particularly enjoined to have a basket of cherries ready to offer to Mrs. Schureman when they left, and she remembered it, too, for when I came to New Brunswick as a student of theology she sent for me to come to her house, and reminded me of the incident, wishing to know if I was the boy who had offered the basket of cherries, laughing heartily at the idea that we should meet again when the circumstances were so changed. And all through my course in the seminary her house was always open to me, and I met no more kind friends than she and her daughters proved themselves to be.

"I may as well say here that when I lived at home we had so much fruit on the old homestead that people came from miles distant to gather cherries from a row of trees upon the hill in front of the house, and the evil became so great that it was decided to cut them down. We had also almost a forest of the morello cherry near the house, and other varieties in other localities. Peaches were so abundant that the swine were let in among the trees to eat up those which fell upon the ground. Apples were taken to the distillery, or ground up for cider, or stored away for winter use in abounding profusion. The gathering of them was a labor of weeks and a main business in the autumn. Cider was so plentiful that no limit was imposed to its use except decency.

"Indeed, that old home as I remember it, was a pleasant home. It had an abundance of all good things, and they were generously dispensed. It was a plain home and the habits prevailing in it were simple, but it had comfort and it had plenty. We never knew want, because we were taught economy and temperance. We never expected

135. JOHANNES, baptized November 15, 1758, in New York. He married in that city, but died soon after in 1783.

136. JANE, born about 1760. She married Francis Covenhoven. They lived at New Brunswick, N. J.

137. PETER, born December 23, 1763, in New Brunswick. Married Sarah, eldest daughter of Harmanus Barkalow of Yellow Hook, near Fort Hamilton, N. Y., June 11, 1787. He died at New Brunswick, March 6, 1847, and was interred in

to see want, because the means to avert it were assiduously applied by constant industry. Without any serious sickness and without any deaths for many years in our family, we seemed to be guarded from the common ills of life, and at the same time abundantly favored with its common blessings. It changed in one respect. The older children married and went out into the world, and the younger grew up—and at last the time for the great change came. The mother died. It was to me, at least, never the old home after that day. I continued to visit it, but always sorrowfully. And then the father departed. We sold the old place, and I never went into the house after the business consequent on the sale was completed. Then the old mansion was burned up and not a trace of it left. And while I have not seen the old place since, I have long felt that it would be too mournful to be pleasant, and I have avoided it.

"I have written down these reminiscences of my parents and of our old home just as they occurred to my mind, without method or premeditation. It was proper to do so, for I desired them to be an unbiased and unsophisticated expression of my recollections and feelings, after years have passed and all motives to exaggerate ought to have ceased. Besides, I intend them only for those whose interest in the relation will be the interest they will feel in me and those from whom they are descended, combined with a natural desire to know what kind of people their ancestors were. My pride is in being able to say that they were honest men—the noblest work of God, good men, which is something even better, and Christian men, which, in my estimation, is the highest type to which our humanity is destined, in this lower sphere, to arrive at and attain. It is more honorable than a noble parentage might have been.

"Among my father's papers I found an impression of my great-grandfather's seal in wax, which I copied and had a wood cut made of it, annexing a slight ornament as a memorial of the past, not as a coat of arms, for I have never been vain enough to believe that my ancestors claimed, in any of the past generations, any connection with knighthood. I examined the Records of the Heralds' Office at The Hague, but not in the hope of finding any evidence there of any affinity even with the nobles of Holland, for I knew that this was improbable, if not absolutely impossible. What became of the seal with which the impression was made I know not. If it was ever in the possession of my grandfather, there is no evidence of its use in anything now in existence, and yet I should regard it as a precious and honorable memento to be carefully preserved.

"After the death of my mother on the 25th day of October, 1832, my father continued in the old home with my youngest brother, Isaac. At first they had only the old colored woman, Nancy, who had nursed

the cemetery of the Dutch Church in that city. His wife was born March 10, 1766, and died July 12, 1837. He was a student in Columbia College in 1783, entered the ministry of the Reformed Dutch Church, being licensed May 8, 1788, and soon after he took charge of the church on Staten Island. On September 5, 1794, he was called to the Dutch Church at Belleville, New Jersey.

After remaining with that people until September, 1809, he

my mother in her last illness, as housekeeper, but in the course of a year Isaac took to himself a wife and brought her home. Thus the household was reconstructed and the time passed away until the death of my father on the 28th day of November, 1843. This produced a final disruption. He left directions in his will to have the homestead sold and the estate equally divided among his children. I was made an executor with John and Isaac, and after renting the home to a tenant for one year, the directions were carried out and the estate settled in perfect amity and friendship among all the children.

"To these reminiscences I am disposed to add one record of an incident in Revolutionary times in which my father acted a part. There was a Tory in Somerset County named Hans Smith, who made himself active in favor of the enemy, the English, and, of course, obnoxious to his neighbors. After Colonel Simcoe's raid, when the church on the Raritan was burned and general consternation was created, the feeling against him rose to fever heat. He was suspected of being concerned in the burning. In this state of the public mind a number of young men determined to take him and give him a coat of tar and feathers. They, of course, chose the night to do it in. Having succeeded in effecting the capture, they took him to a school-house on the Pluckemin road north of Somerville, and there proceeded to strip him and apply the 'raiment' provided for him. When it was done they led him off and ordered him home. Upon looking on himself he exclaimed in Dutch, 'Man sale here neet mere can spreke,' that is, 'A man will not be allowed to speak here any more.' Some one added that if he had anything more to 'speak' they would give him another coat of the same kind. On hearing this he took to his heels, and clearing the fence ran like a deer across the fields in a straight line for his home. And the young men scattered, thinking that they had done mischief enough for one night. Father related the anecdote, always with such a twinkle in his eye, as if to show that he still enjoyed the idea of the mischief he had been concerned in, and thought they had served the Tory right. And why not?

"While living on the farm northwest of Somerville, my father and mother had a girl named Polly Stewart, a smart young woman. Polly had managed to attract a beau, who visited her on Sunday evenings, but report said he had a wife somewhere, and father thought it right to inform her father of what was going on. When the next Sunday evening came, Polly's father introduced himself quietly into the house about nine o'clock, and in a whisper asked if the beau was there. Nothing was said, but father pointed to the kitchen. He went in and closed the door behind him, and in a moment the sound of the thrashing which he was administering to Polly's suitor saluted their ears. Then the door flew open and retreating footsteps were heard.

was called to the Presbyterian Church at Amboy, but in December, 1810, he was recalled to his old charge at Belleville, and served there acceptably until April, 1812, when he was compelled to resign on account of ill health. He was a courtly gentleman of the old school and one of the strong men of the church.

Polly rushed up stairs to bed, and the scene was ended. The next morning a large portion of the cue the beau wore was found sticking fast in a split-slat of one of the chairs. He was glad, no doubt, to have saved his head, even though he had lost so much of his luxuriant hair.

"My father often told me how he managed a boy whose hat fell in the well. His name was Slack. One day in drawing water, he accidentally lost his hat down the well. How to get it was the question. Father took a cart-rope and fastening it to the windlass let himself down and brought up the hat. Soon after it was down in the well again, and the same process was repeated and the hat brought up, the boy watching each time and evidently thinking the joke a good one. On another day it was down the well again.

"Father went to the barn and brought the rope to fasten it, Slack standing by and looking on as usual, but in a moment he was seized, the rope passed around his body, and he found himself going down the well, roaring at the highest pitch of his voice. When he came to the water he was let into it up to his armpits, and then commanded to get the hat. Being drawn up, hat in hand, he was released and not a word was said to him. But the hat did not get in the well again. Slack evidently did not like to go after it himself as well as to see another do it.

"I will here add to these memorials that mother often mentioned, as a family tradition, that her ancestors fled from France in the middle of the night to escape massacre, and that they made their way to Holland; that they left everything in the house, excepting the silver which they took with them—the candles burning and the bread kneaded in the bread-tray ready to be baked in the morning; that they were people of substance, and that they left property behind them, but never returned to look after it, although in fact it was confiscated and could not have been obtained if they had gone back.

"This indicates that they were Huguenots, and the time of their flight to have been St. Bartholomew's Eve. She did not recollect to have ever heard the name of the place from which they fled—whether it was city, town, or country, nor what was their calling or business. They had money and plate enough to carry them to Holland. One of the preachers during the Reformation in Holland was Herman Strycker. He is sometimes called in history the Monk of Poperinghe, or the 'Befrocked Monk.' Poperinghe is on the borders of France, in West Flanders, some fifteen miles from the shores of the English Channel, and it is probable that the family residence was in this vicinity. Strycker is not a French name, and here just on the borders where the Belgian and Frank populations were mixed, it is likely they resided. Herman Strycker, became Protestant after the Reformation. He settled in Amsterdam and was popular. He had a stormy kind of eloquence which fitted him to be a leader in any great movement; but he



PIETER METSELAER (97) and ARIANTJE, his wife, had four children:

138. JOHANNES, baptized at New Brunswick, N. J., May 21, 1753.

139. ANTJE, born as above February 16, 1755.

140. SIMON, baptized as above October 3, 1756.

141. PETRUS, baptized as above May 4, 1760.

seems also to have been rash. In the Leicester troubles he was an ardent supporter of the English party and involved himself so deeply that he found it convenient to leave the country. He was for some time in England. Whether he ever returned, or where and when he died, I have not ascertained.

"My mother's mother was Lena Hoagland, who was the daughter of Christopher Hoagland of Griggstown, New Jersey. The farm where she lived is now in the possession of Henry Hoagland, one of the descendants.

"The Hoaglands came at an early day to New Netherlands, and two of them were merchants and ship-owners, trading to the West Indies. On one occasion they both embarked in the same vessel. Many months passed, but no tidings of the ship ever came and it, no doubt, foundered at sea. The business and property in New York had been left in the hands of one Schenck, an ancestor of the Schencks of Matteawan, from whom no account or settlement was ever obtained by the legal heirs.

"Trade was irregular, and no insurance was taken on vessels as a proof of what they contained. The heirs at best were somewhat remote and perhaps ignorant of the method of proceeding. Law was uncertain, and from all these causes the matter was left until such a time had elapsed as to make any process difficult. The property in dispute remained in the state in which it was left until the time of my earliest memory. I remember well walking by it in company with my uncle, Dennis Stryker of New York, and his pointing it out as a large estate, which he affirmed belonged to him in part, though he had not been able to reclaim it. He had full faith in his own right and that of the family, and died fully believing that a great wrong had been done to those who ought to have come into its possession. And the same thing is true of all the branches of the family. Even yet it is spoken of among them, and some even hope that the day will come when the deception will be exposed and the unlawful possessors made to disgorge their wrongfully acquired wealth.

"Of this, however, there is now no hope. There is, in fact, no evidence upon which to rest any claim, but family tradition. The real estate included a plot of ground fronting on Broadway, between Maiden Lane and John Street, and extending down towards the East River to the Quaker Church.

"Aaron Burr was at one time employed in bringing a suit against the Schencks, but the heirs affirmed that he not only betrayed their interests, but refused to deliver the papers put in his hands, in the interest of the unlawful holders.

"Mother often spoke of this claim, and never could patiently hear a Schenck spoken of, especially in commendation.

"How much there was in it I have never ascertained. At one time Dennis Stryker of New York had possession of one of the houses

JACOBUS METSELAER (98) and JENNETJE, his wife, had nine children:

142. ANNATHA (Annetje), baptized at New Brunswick, July 21, 1751, and is supposed to have died in infancy.

143. ABRAHAM, baptized as above June 11, 1753, and is also supposed to have died in infancy.

144. ABRAHAM, a second son, baptized June 17, 1754. He married Deborah Stevens.

on the land, but he was induced or forced to relinquish it. Since that time no measures have been taken by any one to ascertain the foundation on which the claim rested.

"Evidently the account given did not embrace the whole case. It was either more or less—probably less. The romance in it, no doubt, had something to do in perpetuating it; but all the family had firm faith in the truth and reality of their being the legal and just heirs of a very large estate in the city of New York.

"I find the name of Dircks John Hoogland among those who took the Oath of Allegiance in Kings County in 1687, as having been thirty years in the country. This would make the year of immigration 1657. In the same list and immediately below it is John Dircks Hoogland, a native, that is, his son. He was a man of family, having a son of mature years in 1687. In a census list of the inhabitants of New York in 1703, I find the name of Christopher Hogland, a householder with a family—one male, one female, two male children—living in the 'South Ward.' These were the ancestors of the family in New Jersey, no doubt, but the succession is not so easily ascertained. I think it was Christopher Hooglandt who was the merchant in New York, and from whose death at sea the claim spoken of above originated, but my memory is not exact in reference to this. Teunis G. Bergen says, 'William and Christoffel Hoogland of the Raritan in 1717 were probably sons of Dirck Janse Hoogland, who emigrated in 1657 and settled in Flatbush, where he took the Oath of Allegiance in 1687.' Jacob Janeway married Sarah Hoogland, June 26, 1730, in New York. George Hoogland married Mary Schenck, October 22, 1722. Abraham Schenck married Catherine Hoogland, December 18, 1764, in New York. These marriages show that there was a connection between the Hooglands and Schencks, which may explain how the property in New York came to go into the Schencks' hands, instead of going, as it is claimed it ought to have gone, into the Hooglands' hands in New Jersey. The Schencks must have had at least an apparent right to hold it as they did.

"Our old house contained a part of the residence of Rev. James McCrea, minister once of the Presbyterian Church at Lamington, and the father of Jane McCrea, who was murdered by the Indians near Sandy Hill, New York, during the Revolutionary War. The kitchen part was said by my father to have been Dr. McCrea's study, and that it had been moved from a place nearer the river for an addition to the main dwelling, and the other part of it formed the family room and a bedroom behind it, the mode in which the two had been joined together being clearly seen in the garret. The kitchen stood about ten feet from the main house, and the intervening space was built in and used as a summer dining-room and common entrance to house and kitchen."



145. ANGENETJE, baptized as above November 28, 1757.  
146. BREGON (Bergen), baptized as above March 11, 1759.  
147. MARYA, baptized at Six Mile Run, N. J., March 1, 1761.  
148. JANNETJE, baptized at New Brunswick, July 3, 1763.  
149. JACOB, baptized at Six Mile Run, September 8, 1765.  
150. GEERTJE (Charity), baptized at Raritan, N. J., July 17, 1767. She married John Wortman, born August 20, 1785, and who died May 13, 1831. She died March 13, 1840.

ABRAHAM METSELAER (99) and MARIA COLE, his wife, had one child:

151. JACOB, born October 9, 1765, and married Frances Rowe, December 7, 1790, who was born March 8, 1764, and died March 22, 1843. He died June 6, 1842.

## SIXTH GENERATION.

CORNELIUS METSELAER (121), or MESSLER, as the name was now spelled, and MARIA STRYKER, his wife, had eleven children:

152. CORNELIUS, born October 3, 1782, and married Jemimah Ten Eyck, November 27, 1804, who was born April 1, 1784. He married his second wife, Anne Wyckoff, April 12, 1842. He died June 20, 1857.

153. MAGDALENA, born September 3, 1784, and baptized October 31, 1784. She married Edmund Arrowsmith, and died June 4, 1865, and was buried at Somerville, N. J.

154. LAMACHE, born April 26, 1786, and married Gilbert Gulick, April 26, 1807, and died at Romulus, N. Y., June 5, 1854. Her husband died January 28, 1865.

155. DENNIS, born November 4, 1787, and married Margaret Quick, November 28, 1811, who was born July 28, 1794, and died January 29, 1866. He was a farmer and died February 14, 1871.

156. LUCUS, born March 30, 1790, and died October 14, 1791.

157. ANNA, born September 6, 1791, and married Garret Couenhoven in 1812, who was born June 5, 1792, and died March 29, 1828. On June 9, 1831, she married as her second husband Bergen Davis, who was born December 19, 1784,

and who died August 22, 1856. She died at White House, N. J., February 3, 1862.

158. LUCUS, born June 27, 1793, and died October 13, 1864, at Richmond, Virginia. He married Eleanor Vanderbilt.

159. JOHN, born December 12, 1794, and died March 16, 1882. He married Anne Bergen, who was born September 16, 1797, and died March 9, 1882.

160. PETER, born November 17, 1796, and died February 2, 1873, at Sterling, Morris County, N. J. On December 9, 1822, he married Esther Smith, who was born June 15, 1799, and died January 18, 1857.

161. ABRAHAM,\* born November 15, 1800, and died at

\*The editor here introduces a biographical sketch of his grandfather, the late Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler of Somerville, N. J., and also certain data, chronologically stated, concerning the church over which Dr. Messler presided for so many years.

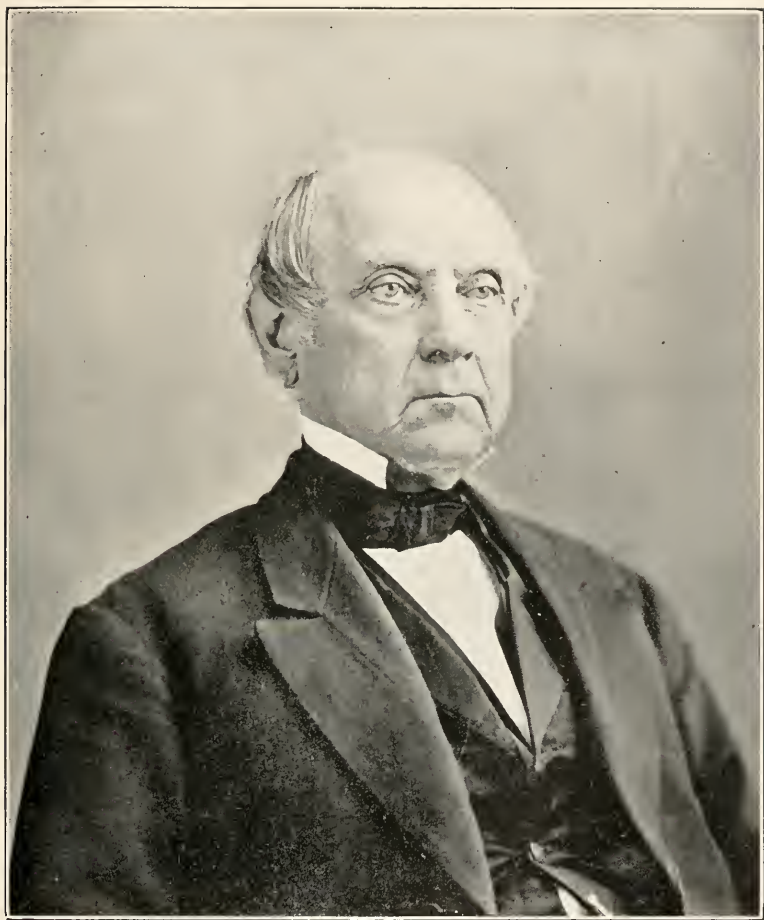
Abraham Messler was the 10th child and seventh son of Cornelius Messler and Mary Stryker. He was born at the old homestead on the banks of the Lamington River, near the village of White House, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, November 15, 1800. Having been instructed in the customary elements of an English education he was sent to the Presbyterian Parsonage, not far from his father's house, to continue his studies, preparatory to entering college. He was admitted to the Junior Class of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in the autumn of 1819, and from this institution he was graduated with honor in 1821. It was during his student days in college that he decided to enter the Christian ministry.

Accordingly we find that within a few months succeeding his graduation he became enrolled at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Brunswick, N. J. Here he pursued the full course of three years, and soon afterwards he was licensed to preach by the Classis of the church.

His early efforts in the ministry were in the missionary service in Morris County, N. J., and at Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y.

At the latter place he became the church pastor, and here he remained in office for three years until 1828. During this interval he was united in marriage with Miss Elma Doremus, the ceremony being performed at her home in New York City on September 11, 1826, by the Rev. James M. Matthews, afterwards Chancellor of the University in New York.

His pastorate at Ovid was attended with much personal labor, as the congregation extended over a rude and sparsely settled country, and he was frequently called upon to travel considerable distances at night, but his exertions, always performed faithfully and zealously, were rewarded with a fair measure of success, considering the unsettled state of society in that region. In the following year, 1829, he was called to preside over the two united congregations of Montville and Pompton Plains in New Jersey. Here he encountered the adverse influences of ecclesiastical secession, as well as the indifferent moral tone of the population. In this charge he remained





Somerville, N. J., June 12, 1882. On September 11, 1826, he married Elma Doremus, who was born at Montville, N. J., June 21, 1806, and who died March 4, 1895.

162. ISAAC, born December 9, 1806, and died at White House, N. J., March 19, 1887. On November 7, 1833, he married Henrietta Reger, who was born June 24, 1811, and who died June 8, 1889.

ABRAHAM POWELSON and LAMETJE METSELAER (122), his wife, had eight children:

until 1832, when he was invited to become the pastor of the old First Reformed Dutch Church of Raritan at Somerville, in Somerset County. The congregation of this church had represented the intellectual and moral forces of the community for more than a century and a quarter, the church having been founded early in the year 1699.

To accept this call to minister to an influential and intelligent body of people might well cause a young man, as Dr. Messler then was, to pause and examine himself. It required strength of character, self-reliance, scholarship and high purpose to become the co-worker with the prominent divines, with whom he would be associated. Dr. Messler appreciated the situation, weighed well the responsibilities and finally accepted. He was soon after invested in office, and as pastor of this church he ascended the pulpit and preached his first sermon to his new congregation from I. Corinthians, 11:2, on the 29th day of October, 1832. With this church his name was to be interlinked for an unbroken period of nearly fifty years of earnest, honorable and eminently successful work in the ministerial relation. In this field he reaped and garnered until the year 1879, when, by reason of advancing age and bodily infirmities, he resigned his charge in the fullness of grace under divine blessing, and withdrew into the peace and retirement of his own home.

During his long service at Somerville, he early developed into an able and eloquent preacher, of sound evangelical judgment and ripe scholarship. From his college days he had shown himself to be a man of research, studious in many of the branches of human knowledge aside from ecclesiastical investigation, keen and discriminating, and ever seeking, through high resolve and exacting industry, to rise to the higher intellectual plane. He comprehended thoroughly and elucidated in his theological discussions the simple word of God, according to the Dutch Canons, the Belgic Confession and the Heidelberg Catechism. These doctrines he not only expounded from the pulpit, but he carried them into his own nature by precept and example throughout all his long life.

His sermons were rarely delivered extemporaneously, but from manuscript. Into these sermons, constructed logically and with the elegance of the best English, he poured the stores of his rich mind. In their finished state and ready for delivery from the pulpit they were often beautiful and eloquent essays, always analytical, but simple and full of the truth.

His duties as a minister of the gospel necessarily brought him into close relations with the judicial bodies of the different churches



163. ABRAHAM, the dates of birth and death being unknown.

164. MARIA, the dates of whose birth and death being likewise unknown. She was the second wife of Martin Beeckman, who was a farmer. They resided south of the Raritan River in New Jersey, at what is now called Layback.

165. JOHN, born July 27, 1780, and died March 27, 1854. He married Alechta Van Doren, who was born January 28, 1786, and who died March 3, 1868. They were both interred at Bedminster, N. J.

of which, largely by reason of his thorough knowledge of church polity and the constitution, he was an efficient and leading member. In 1847 he was President of the General Synod of Delegates which met that year in New York.

Throughout the whole period of Dr. Messler's pastorate it was his custom to deliver once every five years a memorial sermon, retrospective in character—a record or review of the church work of the interval. These sermons were published in 1872, with the exception of the last, which he preached in the church on November 4, 1877.

Dr. Messler was a voluminous writer on topics pertaining to his calling; but his activity did not end with the performance of the duties of a church pastor. The studious and investigating character of his mind led him into other paths of useful knowledge. Broad and public spirited as he was, he took great interest in all movements and causes tending to the elevation, progress and moral advancement of man. In addition to his wide range of reading, he supplemented it by personal writings of a miscellaneous nature, some concerning State and County history, while others were observations on foreign travel, and religious subjects.

Dr. Messler not only wrote much, but he published much of what he wrote. He commenced to publish early in his professional career, the first instance, as far as is now known, being his sermon when the Reformed Dutch Church in Seneca County, N. Y., was dedicated in 1827. It would be impossible to here enumerate all the memorials of his literary productions. Suffice it to say that, aside from the very many sermons which have been preserved, covering the whole of his ministerial life, he wrote and published a history of the Church of Raritan from its foundation in 1699 to 1834, and delivered by him at the laying of the corner-stone of the new house of worship at Somerville, July 21, 1834; an historical paper on the settlement of New Jersey by the Dutch colonists, read before the New Jersey Historical Society in 1850; the Somerset County Centennial History, a volume of about two hundred pages; also, a series of a dozen articles on the Confession of Faith. These last articles were published in the *Christian Intelligencer* in 1864. A contemporary has referred to them as "probably the most elaborate history of the Confession to be found in the English language."

Dr. Messler had long cherished the hope of enjoying, at some time, the intellectual benefits of foreign travel.

In 1854 this hope was realized by an European tour of five months' duration. In company with a companion, he sailed from New York for Liverpool, April 29, 1854, on the steamship "Arctic" of the old



166. SARAH, the date of whose birth being unknown. She married Philip Clarkson. They resided at Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y., where she died without issue in 1824.

167. CORNELIUS, born July 24, 1789, and died April 6, 1863. He married Eleanor Layton, who was born June 26, 1786, and died April 5, 1879. They lived at Bedminster, N. J., and both were buried there.

168. LENA, born April 3, 1794. She became the third wife of Jacob Van Doren and died shortly after her marriage, without issue, July 7, 1836, and was interred at Bedminster.

Collins Line, one of the famous steamships of that day, marking as it did, with the sister ships, a decided advance in ocean navigation, as regards comfort, safety and speed. Upon arriving in England he proceeded, after a short stay in London, directly to Italy. Through this country, bountiful in the stores of ancient and medieval art and architecture, he traveled for a month. Thence he passed across Switzerland and through Germany to the north to Berlin. In this city he was entertained for some weeks by his life-long friend, the Hon. Peter D. Vroom, ex-Governor of New Jersey, who was then United States Minister to Germany. Through the Minister's official position, Dr. Messler's opportunities for becoming better acquainted with the state of European politics were particularly favored.

From Berlin followed a trip through Holland, the parent land of his ancestors. From thence he went to Paris, to Scotland and England, and through the English Lake region and to the cathedral cities, the tour abroad being finally concluded at Liverpool, from which port he sailed for America in the steamship "Atlantic" of the Collins Line, on September 6th.

On September 19th, after a tempestuous voyage across the ocean, he landed in New York, and by evening of the same day he was once more at Somerville in the old home, benefited in health and strengthened in mind after his visit in foreign lands.

In this connection it may be well to record that Dr. Messler's life was probably saved for many years of further usefulness through an accidental circumstance. Dr. Messler had engaged his homeward passage on the "Arctic," the same vessel on which he had crossed to Europe, the steamer being scheduled to sail a week later than the "Atlantic," but meeting unexpectedly an old acquaintance in London he was induced to return by the earlier steamer. The "Arctic" sailed from Liverpool, but never reached New York. In a dense fog she was sunk off Cape Race in collision with the French steamer "Vesta," and out of her living freight of two hundred and sixty-eight persons, officers, crew, and passengers, but forty-six were saved. This disaster occurred on the night of September 21, 1854, not many hours after Dr. Messler had safely arrived at his home. Surely a divine interposition often rules the destinies of man.

While Dr. Messler was active and diligent in his sight-seeing when abroad, he nevertheless found time to keep a journal of each day's doings, of what he saw and of his impressions thereon—a sort of compendium of his experiences and observations. This journal was faithfully kept, and in its completed state it fills five hundred and

169. ANNE, the dates of whose birth and death being unknown. She married Francis Hastings and removed with him to Illinois, where she died. Her husband claimed to be an heir to the estate of the Earl of Huntingdon, and he went to England on at least one occasion to prosecute his claim.

170. PETER, the dates of whose birth and death being unknown.

LUCUS METSELAER (125) and MARGARET VLIET, his wife, had three children:

twenty-two pages of closely written matter in two ordinary blank books.

It was composed in choice and well-considered language, and bears the mark of fine descriptive ability, but tempered with an intuitive discrimination.

Supplementary to his journal, Dr. Messler wrote and published, generally in the *Christian Intelligencer*, a series of transatlantic sketches. As far as may now be ascertained at this late date there were twenty articles entitled "Reminiscences of Holland and Belgium," twenty-four on the "Rhine and Rhineland," and twelve on "The Isle of Wight."

Upon Dr. Messler's return from Europe, he immediately resumed his pastoral work with renewed vigor and earnestness.

So he continued on in the labor for the cause of Christianity, preaching, as the pastor of his church, the gospel of truth, ministering to his people in seasons of gladness as the representative of the church at marriage festivals, and in seasons of sorrow and bereavement at the open grave, always the wise counsellor, the kind friend and comforter, the steadfast man.

After the conclusion of the foreign tour, the official relation of pastor and people remained unbroken for a quarter of a century. But the long and earnest life was now drawing to a close. In 1879, when he stepped down from the pulpit for the last time and had laid aside the robe, he had reached in age nearly four score years. Forty-seven years had he tended the flock. His course had nearly run and the interval passed quickly by. Infirmary and weakness of the heart became apparent, and finally on June 10, 1882, he was stricken with a fatal attack. Towards the last his wife asked, "You are not going to leave us?" He answered, "Not yet, I think. Not yet." But the beckoning angel was at hand, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, his soul was translated from the mansions of earth and had ascended to an eternal rest.

He died in the house which had been his home for half a century, at half past one on the afternoon of June 12, 1882.

The genial light of a beautiful and a noble life had gone out. A celestial crown had been laid up.

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Chronological Note concerning the First Reformed Dutch Church of Raritan (Somerville).

This church was founded March 9, 1699, but the precise place of worship is unknown.

171. CORNELIUS, born January 24, 1796, and died early.

172. JOHN VLIET, born July 30, 1798, and died March 19, 1844. He married Ellen Smith, who died August 8, 1841. Both were interred in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church at Morristown, N. J.

173. GERTRUDE, born October 18, 1800, and died January 23, 1885. She married first, Benjamin Smith in 1818, and second, John McGowan in March, 1838.

RICHARD DRAKE and SARAH METSELAER (126), his wife, had nine children:

174. ELIZABETH, born July 8, 1792, but it is not known when she died, although it is asserted that she died in Michigan. She married James Perrine, who was a farmer and they

1709. The site was changed, but to what locality is unknown.

1730. The church was situated on the north bank of the Raritan River, a little below the Finderne bridge. It was burned by a troop of British cavalry in the autumn of 1779.

1779-1788. The congregation worshipped in the Somerset County Court House, on Main Street, Somerville.

1788. The first brick church, a small building forty feet by sixty feet, was erected on the site of the present one.

1817. The church was enlarged.

1834, July 21. The corner-stone of a second brick church was laid, and the house of worship built in part on the foundations of the first brick church. The sermon of dedication was preached by Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler on February 25, 1835, from II. Chronicles, vi:18, "Will God in every deed dwell with men on the earth?"

1896, July 25. The corner-stone of the new stone church was laid by Rev. J. Preston Searle, late pastor of the church and Dr. Messler's immediate successor in office. The stone weighed seven hundred and fifty pounds, and the box placed within the stone contained a long list of articles, among which were the following: Copies of the New York newspapers, local papers and religious publications. Dedication sermon of February 25, 1835, by Rev. Dr. Messler. Memorial discourse on the life, character and services of Dr. Messler, preached on October 29, 1882, by Rev. Dr. John A. Todd. Volume of memorial sermons and historical notes by Rev. Dr. Messler, 1832 to 1872. Memorial on Ex-Governor Peter D. Vroom by Dr. Messler, 1874. List of Elders and Deacons from March 9, 1699, to the present day—six hundred and twenty-two in all. List of Ministers of the church. The Great Seal of the church. Constitution and By-Laws of The Holland Society of New York. Copy of the Bible. Pictures of the old church. Three photographic views taken from the steeple of the old church, together with a view of the interior of the old church at the time of holding the last service therein.

lived at Friendship, Allegheny County, N. Y., where he died in 1853.

175. MARIA, born July 30, 1794, and died November 3, 1857. On September 4, 1812, she married John R. Sebring, who was born November 19, 1773. He was a farmer and after his death on September 16, 1820, she married Philip Coleman, about 1822. The latter died near Rochester, N. Y., December 11, 1841.

176. MATILDA, born January 1, 1797, baptized July 2, 1797, and died June 15, 1879. On May 4, 1814, she married Stephen Cole, who was born at Balston, Saratoga County, N. Y., February 29, 1792. He died at Greece, Monroe County, N. Y., February 8, 1847.

177. CATHERINE, born October 25, 1799, and died at Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y., February 15, 1821. She married Isaac Bodine, who was born May 13, 1792, and who died at Ovid, February 24, 1840.

178. CORNELIUS, born August 20, 1802. He did not marry and died at Clarksville, N. Y., November 14, 1872, and was interred at Cuba, N. Y.

179. PHOEBE VAN NEST, born September 8, 1804, baptized at Somerville, N. J., October 14, 1804, and died at Clarksville, N. Y., January 27, 1886. In 1824 she married Samuel Compton, a farmer, who also died at Clarksville, November 26, 1883. They were both interred at Cuba, N. Y.

180. ELISHA, born December 21, 1806, and died May 6, 1860. He married Rhoda Smalley, who died in 1852. He was a farmer.

181. SARAH ANN, born July 15, 1809, baptized at Somerville, N. J., August 27, 1809, and died at Somerset, Niagara County, N. Y., August 29, 1889. On December 19, 1828, she married John Williams, a farmer, who was born June 1, 1807, and who died November 12, 1880. They lived in Niagara County, N. Y.

182. ABRAHAM, born February 21, 1813, and died August 20, 1814.

ABRAHAM METSELAER (144) and DEBORAH STEVENS, his wife, had eight children:

183. DEBORAH, born in 1777, and married Charles Applegate.

184. ELIZABETH, born in 1779, and married James Newton.

185. CORNELIA, born in 1782.

186. WILLIAM, born in 1786.

187. PETER, born April 22, 1790, and married Elizabeth Morford in 1811, who was born April 9, 1795. They lived at Trenton, N. J., and emigrated to Ohio in 1834, where he died in 1861. She died in 1849.

188. MARIA, born in 1792, and married Solomon Wiley. They emigrated shortly after their marriage to Zanesville, Ohio.

189. ELSA, born in 1794, and married Grover Applegate.

190. LYDIA, born in 1796, married a man named Schenck, and emigrated shortly afterwards to Missouri.

JOHN WORTMAN and GEERTJE METSELAER (150), his wife, had one child:

191. JANE, born July 6, 1786, and died July 29, 1843. She married Mathias Barker, who was born January 13, 1783, and died January 15, 1844.

JACOB METSELAER (151) and FRANCES ROWE, his wife, had three children:

192. JAMES J., born September 12, 1792, and died February 7, 1869. He married Sarah Horton, October 22, 1814, who was born April 26, 1795, and died September 16, 1840.

193. ISAAC C., born December 7, 1795, and married Sarah Brady, March 4, 1816, who was born September 11, 1796, and died April 8, 1840. He died June 16, 1862.

194. MARIA, born May 6, 1797, and married Peter Wortman, February 6, 1815, who was born January 15, 1793, and who died May 11, 1865. She died January 1, 1884. They lived at Chester, N. J.

## SEVENTH GENERATION.

CORNELIUS MESSLER (152) and JEMIMAH TEN EYCK, his wife, had nine children:

195. MARIA, born October 22, 1805. On October 28, 1826, she married Peter Blew, who was born at Raritan, N. J., and was a carpenter. He died there in 1832. As her second husband she married John A. Manley, August 7, 1834, who was also a carpenter, and they lived at New Brunswick, N. J.,



where he was born in 1806. They afterwards removed to Northport, Long Island, where she died February 12, 1888.

196. SARAH, born September 12, 1807, and died unmarried, March 6, 1827.

197. CORNELIUS, born April 26, 1810, and died March 19, 1819.

198. ANNE, born May 16, 1812, and died at Washington Valley, N. J., November 16, 1882. On June 16, 1835, she married David Loree, who was born August 15, 1815.

199. ISAAC, born July 5, 1815. He did not marry. He lived at Bedminster, N. J. It is not known when he died.

200. ANDREW TEN EYCK, born November 25, 1817, and died in early childhood, April 12, 1819.

201. PHOEBE TEN EYCK, born July 28, 1820. She married David Bird, September 26, 1846. They lived at Bedminster, N. J.

202. DENNIS VAN LIEW, born May 5, 1823, and died September 15, 1841.

203. HARRIET MABON, born March 12, 1828. She married John M. S. Schenck, October 9, 1861. They lived at North Branch, N. J.

By his second wife, Anne Wyckoff, whom Cornelius Messler married on April 12, 1842, he had no children.

EDMUND ARROWSMITH and MAGDALENA MESSLER (153), his wife, had four children:

204. MARIA, born in 1806, and died early.

205. ANNE, born July 17, 1808, and died March 9, 1880. On May 9, 1826, she married William L. Warner, who was born May 12, 1800, and who died August 28, 1835. They lived in New York.

206. ELIZA, born June 14, 1810, and died April 9, 1883. On October 30, 1834, she married John Titus, who was born April 30, 1802, and who died April 14, 1855. They lived at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island.

207. BENJAMIN, born May 9, 1817, and died March 2, 1881. He was a merchant in New York, and married Eliza Goble, April 25, 1839.

GILBERT GULICK and LAMACHE MESSLER (154), his wife, had eleven children:

208. HENRY, born January 20, 1808, and died at Paris, Kenosha County, Wis., December 24, 1854. On May 27, 1829,

he married Mehitabel Purdy, who was born October 25, 1802. She died in New Jersey, May 10, 1878.

209. MARIA, born March 5, 1810, and died in Kenosha County, Wis., November 27, 1887. She married Harvey Cary in 1830, who died September 13, 1861.

210. GERTRUDE, born in New Jersey, April 15, 1812, and died August 1, 1870. She married Joseph Fulkenburgh, who was born August 29, 1811. He was a farmer and they lived at East Varick, Seneca County, N. Y. He died September 7, 1884.

211. CORNELIUS M., born in New Jersey, December 23, 1814, and died at Paris, Wis., April 12, 1885. He married as his first wife Bathiah Pierce, July 4, 1848, who was born May 25, 1825, and died September 25, 1857. His second wife was Mary Ann McGill, whom he married February 23, 1859, who was born July 13, 1838, and died October 21, 1882. He was a farmer and they lived in Kenosha County, Wis.

212. ELIZA, born in New Jersey, December 13, 1815, and died July 6, 1873. She married Joseph Oliver Morse of Elmira, N. Y., June 26, 1838, who was born January 14, 1814, and died August 19, 1882.

213. JANE, born at Ovid, N. Y., November 14, 1817, and died in Wisconsin, March 3, 1884. She married first Abraham Hathaway, a farmer in Minnesota, May 20, 1844, who died at Dodge Center, Minn., May 23, 1873. She married as her second husband, Joseph Oliver Morse, her brother-in-law, March 12, 1875. She had no children by either husband.

214. MAGDALENA, born at Varick, N. Y., September 30, 1819, and it is known that up to within a few years since she was still living in the State of Michigan. Her first husband was Benjamin Hathaway, whom she married at Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 27, 1848, who was born June 5, 1811, at Romulus, N. Y. They removed to Dover, Mich., where he died May 3, 1858. As her second husband, she married Ira Rogers of Michigan, November 21, 1866. He was born May 6, 1804, at Grafton, N. Y., and died October 23, 1886.

215. ANNE, born at Varick, N. Y., February 16, 1822, and up to a comparatively recent period was still living at Kendaia, N. Y. She married Milton S. Everett, May 4, 1844. He was a house painter, and was born December 27, 1817, and died August 27, 1875.

216. CATHERINE, born at Varick, N. Y., September 18, 1824. It is not known whether she is still living or not. She lived at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and did not marry.

217. ABRAHAM, born at Varick, N. Y., October 7, 1829.

He was a farmer living at Kenosha, Wis. He married Maluna Moe, February 3, 1861. She was born October 18, 1839.

218. ISAAC, born in December, 1831, and died the same day.

DENNIS MESSLER (155) and MARGARET QUICK, his wife, had six children:

219. LENA, born May 10, 1813, and died July 24, 1815.

220. CORNELIUS, born March 29, 1815. He did not marry and was a farmer living at Romulus, N. Y.

221. CATHERINE, born October 8, 1816. She married first William Gamber, March 22, 1854, who was born at Varick, N. Y., December 11, 1814. As her second husband she married Isaac Spalding, May 15, 1883, who was born at Varick, N. Y., August 25, 1815.

222. JOHN QUICK, born February 6, 1819. He married Matilda Neal, February 19, 1849, who was born November 2, 1823. He was a farmer and they lived at Sheldrake, Seneca County, N. Y.

223. JUDAH, born January 6, 1822, and died May 6, 1858.

224. ABRAHAM, born March 23, 1825. He married first Caroline Matthews, March 7, 1849, who was born February 20, 1825, and died January 19, 1858. His second wife was Phoebe Ann Matthews, whom he married June 23, 1858, who was born January 3, 1837. He was a farmer and they lived at Romulus, N. Y. He died May 20, 1889.

GARRET COUENHOVEN (Conover) and ANNA MESSLER (157), his wife, had five children:

225. CORNELIUS, born October 22, 1813, and died November 16, 1816.

226. JOHN, born November 22, 1815, and died June 26, 1816.

227. ELEANOR, born November 16, 1816, and died March 1, 1819.

228. LEANAH, born January 18, 1820. She married Philip D. Lare, September 23, 1846, who was born March 20, 1820, and died April 22, 1887. He was a farmer and they lived at White House, N. J.

229. PETER M., born February 16, 1821. He married Harriet Best, April 13, 1850, who was born August 20, 1821. He was a farmer and they also lived at White House, N. J.

BERGEN DAVIS and ANNA MESSLER (157), his wife, had three children:

230. ABRAHAM, born June 10, 1832. He married first Cynthia Ann Jerolamon, February 1, 1860, who was born April 10, 1840, and died November 14, 1880. He married as his second wife, Elizabeth Dickerson, June 25, 1882, who was born February 1, 1836. He was a farmer and they lived at Three Bridges, N. J.

231. JANE, born December 28, 1833. She married John M. Yawger, November 14, 1855. He was a farmer and they lived at Neshanic, N. J.

232. JOHN B., born March 10, 1838. He married Mary Ann Wyckoff, October 27, 1860, who was born March 25, 1841. He was a merchant, and they lived at White House, N. J.

LUCUS MESSLER (158) and ELEANOR VANDER-BILT, his wife, had twelve children:

233. JANE ANNE, born March 31, 1812, and died at Buffalo, N. Y., September 6, 1850. She married Cornelius A. Van Slyke, April 18, 1833, at Rochester, N. Y., afterwards removing with him to Buffalo. He was born at Schenectady, N. Y., July 8, 1808, and died November 15, 1869.

234. MARIA, born February 23, 1814. She married Asbrah Huntoon, January 21, 1832, at Rochester, N. Y. They afterwards removed to Port Gibson, Ontario County, N. Y., where she died August 2, 1840.

235. ELIZA, born November 8, 1815. She married Samuel F. Witherspoon of Rochester, N. Y., in May, 1836. He was born at Newberry, Vt., January 4, 1811, and settled at Rochester. For more than fifty years he was engaged in the grocery and provision business, and was still living in Rochester up to within a few years—a gentleman highly esteemed. She died at Rochester, March 29, 1885.

236. CORNELIUS, born September 26, 1818. He married Margaret Case at Alton, N. Y., January 1, 1843, who was born at Phelpsstown, N. Y., July 16, 1823. He was a carpenter, and died at Cross Village, Emmet County, Mich., July 12, 1884.

237. JOHN, born September 11, 1819. He married first Sarah Hubbs, April 19, 1841, at Richmond, Va., by whom he had no children. She died June 27, 1842. He married as his second wife Mary Ann Kennedy, at Richmond, September 15, 1846.

238. HELENA, born June 8, 1821. She married Asbrah

Huntoon, June 12, 1843, she being a sister of his first wife. They lived at Port Gibson, N. Y.

239. JULETIA, born January 23, 1823, and died July 24, 1824.

240. ISAAC CURTIS, born July 21, 1825. He married Sophia Mott at Buffalo, N. Y., August 18, 1853, who was born May 12, 1826, near Hastings, England. He was a carpenter and they lived at Camden, N. J.

241. WILLIAM HENRY, born January 1, 1827, and died October 22d of the same year.

242. CHARLOTTE, born November 11, 1828. She married Dr. Horatio N. Lowe at Buffalo, N. Y., April 25, 1853, who was born in Auburn, N. Y., in 1826. They removed to Rochester, N. Y., where she died September 29, 1876.

243. EMILY, born June 11, 1831, and died May 11, 1832.

244. HENRY VANDERBILT, born November 1, 1832. He married Susan A. Matthews at New Market, Nelson County, Va., May 6, 1868. She was born at New Market, October 21, 1845.

JOHN MESSLER (159) and ANNE BERGEN, his wife, had nine children:

245. EVERT BERGEN, born February 6, 1817, and died April 1, 1879. He married Hannah Berton, by whom he had no children.

246. CORNELIUS, born December 1, 1818. He married Catherine Bartles, September 23, 1844, who was born at New Germantown, N. J., October 27, 1823. He was a wheelwright for seventeen years after his marriage, when he became a farmer until 1873, when he retired to live on his competency. He lived at White House, N. J., and died December 5, 1879.

247. WILLIAM, born August 31, 1820. He married Charity Ann Potter, January 16, 1843, who was born December 31, 1821. He was a farmer and died August 16, 1888.

248. ALETTA, born at Readington, N. J., May 21, 1823. She married first Leonard Corwin, October 5, 1859, who was born at Lebanon, N. J., July 10, 1814. They lived at Jacksonburg, Warren County, N. J., and in 1865 they moved to Walnut Valley, N. J., and there he died August 7, 1876. In 1884 she married Charles Van Scotten, who was born in 1822. Shortly after their marriage they removed to Montana, Warren County, N. J., and afterwards to Lebanon, N. J. Her first husband was a blacksmith, and the second a stonemason.



249. ABRAHAM, born October 3, 1825. He did not marry and was a farmer, living at New Germantown, N. J.

250. MARY, born December 23, 1829, and died April 8, 1836.

251. ISAAC, born September 3, 1831. He married Margaret Cortwright at Blairstown, N. J., December 18, 1852, who was born March 21, 1834. They lived for a number of years at Newton, Sussex County, N. J., and afterwards, in 1884, they removed to Stroudsburg, Pa.

252. JOHN LIVINGSTON, born October 19, 1835. He married Mary C. Kinney, February 10, 1860, who was born on the same day, and in the same month and year that he was. They lived at Stillwater, Sussex County, N. J.

253. SIMON HILLYER, born August 13, 1839. He married Emma Angle, November 15, 1866, who was born June 2, 1845. He was a farmer and they lived at Blairstown, N. J.

PETER MESSLER (160) and ESTHER SMITH, his wife, had four children:

254. WILLIAM SMITH, born October 14, 1823. He married Margaret M. Van Zandt, January 20, 1847, who was born December 10, 1825, and died December 2, 1884. He was engaged in the real estate business, and they resided in New York.

255. DENNIS STRYKER, born April 13, 1828. He married Margaret Van Arsdale at Bedminster, N. J., October 1, 1849. She died in Philadelphia, November 20, 1882. He served as First Sergeant in Company A, 31st Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers during the War of the Rebellion. He was a merchant and resided in Philadelphia after the conclusion of the war.

256. CORNELIUS SMITH, born February 10, 1830. He married Susan Frances Dunham of Liberty Corner, N. J., December 10, 1862, who was born October 22, 1835. They lived for some years in Somerville, N. J., and afterwards moved to Newark, N. J., where he died February 4, 1883. He was a druggist and in his private character was an upright, Christian man, and remarkably honest and just in his business principles. She died May 13, 1893.

257. SARAH MARIA, born January 26, 1833. She did not marry and died June 29, 1853, and was interred at Bedminster, N. J.

ABRAHAM MESSLER (161) and ELMA DOREMUS, his wife, had nine children:

258. MARY STRYKER, born December 23, 1827. She married Hon. Charles W. Swift of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., November 19, 1851. He was born June 27, 1812. He was a student at Rutgers College, and afterwards became a member of the class of '33 at Yale.

He was a lawyer by profession and a man of means and influence, and was the first mayor of Poughkeepsie. In his private character he was a man of culture, fine business judgment and of generous impulses. While driving from his farm near Poughkeepsie in company with his wife, he was suddenly stricken with heart disease and died without warning on the anniversary of his marriage, November 19, 1877, greatly lamented by all who knew him. His widow is still living in Poughkeepsie with her unmarried daughter, Elma.

259. HELEN DOREMUS, born November 22, 1830. She married Edward L. Covert of Somerville, N. J., in 1853, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 7, 1831. He was originally interested with his father in the manufacture of paper at Raritan, N. J. Afterwards he turned his attention to various employments, and finally entered the service of the United States Government in the Surgeon General's office at Washington.

He died after a short illness of typhoid fever, December 22, 1866. His remains were interred at Somerville. His widow is still living and resides with her three sons in Allegheny City, Pa.

260. THOMAS DOREMUS,\* born at Somerville, N. J., May 9, 1833.

\*Thomas Doremus Messler was descended from staunch Holland stock, a race of pioneers in colonial America, characterized to a marked extent by industry, thrift and intelligence. He was born at Somerville, Somerset County, N. J., on the 9th of May, 1833, being the first son of Elma Doremus and the Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, and regarded throughout the State of New Jersey as a man of eminence, piety and influence.

Mr. Messler's childhood and boyhood were passed in Somerville, and there he received his early education at the old Somerville Academy, and where he was prepared to enter the Freshman Class of Rutgers College in New Brunswick. On the eve of his proposed entrance to college, however, he resolved to take up business instead; and, accordingly, in March, 1849, being then in his sixteenth year, he found employment in the wholesale dry goods house of Doremus, Suydam & Nixon, in New York City, of which his uncle, Thomas C.

He married Maria Remsen Varick, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 3, 1857, who was born at Poughkeepsie, August 13, 1833. (She was the oldest daughter of John Remsen Varick and Susan Brinckerhoff Storm, both of whom died when their children were quite young.) In early manhood he removed to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was engaged in the railway service until the time of his death, on August 11, 1893. His widow is still living and resides with her elder son in Pittsburg.

261. HENRY MARTYN, born at Somerville, October 11, 1834. He married Olivia Michaels, of New York, in November, 1858. After finishing his school education at the Somerville Academy, he entered, in 1853, the service of the New York & Erie Railroad Company in New York, in the same depart-

Doremus, was the senior partner. With this firm he remained somewhat over three years, when a more favorable opportunity presented itself in an offer of a position with what was then the New York & Erie Railroad Company, now known as the Erie Railroad.

Mr. Messler's first experience in the railway service commenced in the office of the company's auditor, Mr. William E. Warren, in August, 1852. In this office he worked hard and faithfully, and he soon won the esteem and confidence of the officers and employees with whom he was brought in contact. The department with which he was connected embraced the auditing of accounts, and through this circumstance he seems to have had business relations for the railroad company with a number of the prominent New York banking houses of that day. He held his position with the New York & Erie Railroad Company for four years, when, having attracted the attention of Messrs. Moran Brothers, a banking firm in New York, it was proposed that he go to Pittsburg and accept the office of Secretary and Auditor of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, a company operating a new line of railroad then about completed between Pittsburg and Chicago.

To a young man of but twenty-three the offer was a tempting one in the way of increased pecuniary rewards and further possible advancement in the future, as well as being a recognition of merit and ability. But Mr. Messler had misgivings as to the propriety of the change and he hesitated.

He finally decided to accept the offer, and in August, 1856, he came to Pittsburg and at once assumed the duties of his new office. He was now in a community to which he had hitherto been a stranger, with neither friend nor even acquaintance at the outset to extend to him a welcoming hand.

With a comparatively brief experience in railway science, he found his position with this company arduous in the extreme. The department over which he had supervision had been conducted theretofore with but little method and exactness. The accounts were seemingly in a hopeless tangle, and it was for him to unravel the mass by process of a reorganization of this department on the lines of modern railway accounting as then known to and practiced by the older railway companies in the East. It was a severe task.

More than a year elapsed before it was accomplished and the

ment with his brother Thomas. Subsequently, in 1857, he became connected with the Dubuque & Sioux City Railroad Company, but early in 1858 he returned to New York and entered the treasury department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company. He was constitutionally of delicate health, and as the result of a cold contracted from exposure on the occasion of a memorable event in Wall Street, he was attacked with hasty consumption and died in New York on Christmas Day, 1858. He was buried at Somerville. He had been married but six weeks, and by him his wife had no issue.

262. SARAH DOREMUS, born at Somerville, February 1,

plan of accounting satisfactorily formulated and put in operation. It was at this time, or possibly a year or so later, that he evolved a system of railway accounting, having for its object simplicity, comprehensiveness and classification. This system of accounting became known subsequently as the "Messler System," and it has been generally adopted by the more important railway companies of the country, with modifications, in some instances, as environment or particular conditions may have suggested.

Mr. Messler continued in the service of the old Fort Wayne Company until its lease to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in July, 1869, having been promoted in the meantime, through various grades, to the position of assistant to the president, the late Hon. George W. Cass. In the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he was made comptroller of the Pennsylvania Company on July 1, 1871, and afterwards, in 1876, the office of third vice-president was in addition conferred upon him. This latter company was a corporation organized in 1870 to manage and operate an extensive system of railroad lines running west of Pittsburg, and affiliated with the Pennsylvania Railroad. In later years and at different periods, he became chief executive officer of many of the auxiliary corporations controlled by the Pennsylvania Company in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was president of the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad, the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad, the North Western Ohio Railway, the East St. Louis & Carondelet Railroad, the Ohio Connecting Railroad, and the Indianapolis & Vincennes Railroad. In the same interests he was likewise vice-president of the Waynesburg & Washington Railroad Company, and chairman of the executive committee of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company. As an officer of the Pennsylvania Company, he was also third vice-president of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. He was also a director of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' National Bank of Pittsburg, and resident chairman of the local board of the Guarantee Company of North America, a Canadian company, with a branch office in Pittsburg. He was also a Trustee of the Shady Side Academy in Pittsburg.

The duties of the various offices held by him he discharged with fidelity and commendable ability, particularly in the line of railway financiering, of which he early became a student, not through prac-



1837. She did not marry and is still living in the old home in Somerville with her sister Emily.

263. ELMA BOGERT, born at Somerville, December 30, 1839. She was an exceedingly bright and intelligent child, but her young life was cut short, and she died August 28, 1846. She was buried at Somerville.

264. CORNELIA, born at Somerville, October 22, 1841. She married John T. Grimsley, of Springfield, Illinois, December 12, 1871, to which city she removed with him after her marriage.

He was born at Springfield, February 3, 1848, and is a partner in an extensive dry goods house in that city, where he still lives. His mother was a cousin of the late Mrs. Lincoln,

tice and observation alone, but through close reading of the literature bearing upon the subject.

His long and honorable career in the railway service covered a period of forty-one years, namely, from August, 1852, to August, 1893. Among railroad officers he was regarded far and wide as a railroad accounting financier of conspicuous ability, remarkably clear-headed and self-poised.

The commencement of the close of his active career dates from the year 1889. He had then reached the height of his usefulness and influence in official position, and was in the prime of mental vigor. But suddenly and without warning, on an excessively hot morning in July of that year, he was stricken in his office with what appeared to be apoplexy, but which was later determined to have been the bursting of a small blood vessel in the brain. As soon as possible he was taken to his home, where he lay in a precarious state for some weeks. By the first of August he was removed to Cresson Springs in the Allegheny Mountains. Here he commenced to improve slowly, and early in the following year he was able to again take up the thread of work. He never afterwards, however, regained complete strength. His health was broken. In 1891 he gave up many of his responsible duties, but still retained the office of third vice-president of the Pennsylvania Company. From this period on his strength declined perceptibly. In the following year irregularity of the heart action appeared.

The closing years of his life were marked by the same steadfastness, courage and patience into which he had, in his younger days, so well schooled himself.

In July, 1893, owing to increasing weakness, he again went to the mountains, where, shortly after his arrival, he was obliged to confine himself to his room. He rapidly failed and it soon became evident that he could live but a little longer. Early in the dawn of a beautiful August morning, with nature just breaking into life, the Angel came and beckoned. And in a moment his spirit had been translated.

He was unconscious for two days before his death, and he passed away peacefully at the Mountain House, Cresson, at twenty minutes past five o'clock in the morning of the 11th of August, 1893.

Mr. Messler was married at Poughkeepsie, New York, on June 3,



widow of the martyred president, and was a bridesmaid at Mrs. Lincoln's wedding. This daughter, Cornelia, died at Springfield after a long and painful illness, March 20, 1891, and was buried there.

265. ANNA FRANCES, born at Somerville, January 23, 1844. She died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., August 5, 1853, and was buried at Somerville.

266. EMILY, born at Somerville, January 13, 1847. She did not marry and is still living in the old Somerville home with her sister Sarah.

1857, to Miss Maria Remsen Varick, a daughter of John Remsen Varick and Susan Brinckerhoff Storm.

Mrs. Messler survived her husband with two sons, Remsen Varick Messler and Eugene Lawrence Messler.

In personal appearance Mr. Messler was a good type of sturdy American manhood.

His abilities and mental balance he inherited in a striking degree from his father and his grandfather before him. He possessed a certain judicial cast of mind which was always exhibited when addressing any question of importance, whether in the line of official duty, or in private conduct. In addition to the qualities of continuity of purpose, a high sense of honor and the observance of the moral obligations towards his fellow-men in business intercourse, he early formed a disposition for cultivating the intellectual and æsthetic part of his nature, and an appreciation of the amenities of human life. Like his father he was a man of scholarly tastes. Throughout many years he had gradually collected a very considerable private library, embracing a wide field of literature, and from this source he enriched his mind in extensive reading in many branches of useful and diverting knowledge. He was essentially a home-loving man, and here was most felt the influence of his kindly and strengthening presence. He was a dignified, self-respecting man, conscious in his life of rectitude and honor.

Throughout all his life, from early manhood to the close, he followed in the path of high resolve. Gentlemanly and courteous in demeanor, though somewhat retiring in social intercourse, he always at once commanded respect and attention.

He left, indeed, an honorable record in the community of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Messler was a member of the Duquesne Club, and of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, in right of his grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

He was also a member of the Holland Society of New York, by reason of his descent in the direct male line from a Hollander, who was a resident of the American colonies prior to the year 1675. Mr. Messler had traveled considerably throughout the United States and Canada, and had also visited Europe twice—once in 1878, and again in 1891.

ISAAC MESSLER (162) and HENRIETTA REGER, his wife, had two children:

267. CORNELIUS, born June 6, 1835. He married Ellen Jane Davis, February 18, 1858, who was born March 15, 1834. He was a farmer and they lived at Whitehouse, N. J.

268. SARAH CATHERINE, born June 19, 1844. She married George J. Buckley, May 25, 1887. He was a farmer and they lived on the old homestead of her father at Whitehouse, N. J.

JOHN VLIET MESSLER (172) and ELLEN SMITH, his wife, had ten children:

269. ELIZABETH, born April 29, 1819. She married Valentine Nungester.

270. CORNELIUS, born December 23, 1820. He married Lydia Leonard, October 22, 1840, who was born May 14, 1820.

271. JACOB, the date of whose birth being unknown. He did not marry. He enlisted in the United States army during the Mexican War, and is supposed to have been killed in action or to have died of disease in the service, as he was never heard of after his departure with the troops.

272. JOHN VLIET, JR., the date of whose birth being likewise unknown. He married Elizabeth Massacar.

273. ISAAC, born October 9, 1827. He married Jane Spear, August 26, 1848.

274. IRA PRUDEN, born December 15, 1830, and died December 15, 1884. He married Libby Ann Peary, January 15, 1850, who was born November 30, 1830.

275. SARAH, born September 20, 1832. She married a man named Miller.

276. WILLIAM H., born February 29, 1835. He married Sarah J. Shipman, November 26, 1855, who was born June 26, 1836. He was a hardware merchant and they lived at Morristown, N. J.

277. ELLEN FRANCES, born August 19, 1838. She married Jacob L. Mattox, October 1, 1859, who was born May 25, 1837.

278. MARGARET, born October 16, 1840. She married William Van Notten.

BENJAMIN SMITH and GERTRUDE MESSLER (173), his wife, had five children:

279. RACHEL, born March 5, 1819. She married Michael Kinsella, who was born September 29, 1812. They lived at Morristown.

280. JACOB, born September 5, 1821, and died May 11, 1859. He married Jane Cramer, March 23, 1844.

281. BENJAMIN, born January 7, 1824, and died September 6, 1865. He married Catherine Riley, October 14, 1849. He subsequently served in the War of the Rebellion.

282. MARGARET, born July 23, 1829. She married Benjamin Goble, November 18, 1857, who was born December 29, 1806.

283. JOHN, born in 1830, and died in 1834.

JOHN MCGOWAN and GERTRUDE MESSLER (173), his wife, had two children:

284. HENRIETTA, born December 2, 1839. She married James P. Sullivan, November 7, 1866, who was born in 1839.

285. ELIZABETH, born September 15, 1842. She married Levi Johnson, September 15, 1864.

PETER MESSLER (187) and ELIZABETH MORFORD, his wife, had nine children:

286. BARTZILLAR, born at Somerville, N. J., November 17, 1812, and married Mary A. Waterman, March 2, 1837, who was born in Virginia, September 28, 1816. He was a farmer and lived at Falls City, Nebraska.

287. CORNELIA, born in New Jersey, November 24, 1813, and married John S. Kelsey, November 2, 1837, who was born at Centreville, Ohio, January 13, 1816. They lived in Centreville, where he died, October 22, 1875.

288. GEORGE W., born in New Jersey, April 7, 1815, and married Mary Beck, at Centreville, Ohio, in 1850.

289. ACHSAH, born in New Jersey, November 3, 1817, and married Samuel B. Murphy, March 3, 1841, who was born at Bellbrook, Ohio, August 13, 1818. He died at Dayton, Ohio, January 31, 1891.

290. ELIZABETH, born in New Jersey, May 27, 1820, and married Dr. Thomas Creighton, at Centreville, Ohio, May 8, 1843, who was born May 3, 1810. They lived in Cincinnati, where he died September 7, 1886.

291. ABRAHAM, born at Hightstown, N. J., May 31, 1823, and died in infancy.

292. PETER, born as above, December 21, 1825, and married Ellen Krider, at Dayton, Ohio, in 1862. He died August 12, 1887.

293. WILLIAM, born as above, October 22, 1829.

294. WILHELMINA, born February 14, 1838, and died in childhood.

JAMES J. MESSLER (192) and SARAH HORTON, his wife, had five children:

295. An unnamed child, born April 14, 1815, and died early.

296. MARY, born January 6, 1817. She married John J. Crater, and died November 21, 1841.

297. NATHANIEL, born October 22, 1819, and married Lydia Houston, February 24, 1842, who was born April 11, 1816. She died in 1883.

298. JACOB, born March 16, 1824, and married Mary Demarest.

299. MARTHA ESTHER, born January 7, 1833, and married Jacob Emmons, September 24, 1853, who was born August 29, 1827. They lived at Union Grove, near Peapack, N. J.

ISAAC C. MESSLER (193) and SARAH BRADY, his wife, had two children:

300. JOHN H., born June 6, 1825, and married Sarah K. Galbreath, September 30, 1847, who was born January 9, 1822, at Symmes Corner, Ohio.

301. MARTHA H., born July 15, 1833, and married Joseph Fellingner, January 1, 1850. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 18, 1819, and died March 22, 1879.

PETER WORTMAN and MARIA MESSLER (194), his wife, had ten children:

302. JACOB, born October 20, 1815, and married Anne Emmons, December 1, 1839, who was born February 11, 1815, and died May 8, 1862. He died November 1, 1859.

303. ELIAS, born June 8, 1819, and married Emeline Leak, June 1, 1843, who was born February 1, 1822. He died October 31, 1884.

304. SARAH ANNE, born January 17, 1821, and married Andrew Rarick, October 6, 1839, who was born in 1817, and died January 12, 1890. She died on the same day as her husband.

305. FRANCES, born April 26, 1823, and died September 9, 1824.

306. MARGARET, born August 3, 1825, and married Wil-

liam Dorlandt, January 3, 1847, who was born May 29, 1822, and who died May 3, 1885. She died in the same year.

307. STEPHEN, born August 23, 1827, and married Catherine Melick, October 6, 1851, who was born March 16, 1830, and who died January 11, 1866. He married his second wife, Charlotte Barker, August 10, 1870, who was born October 16, 1840, and who died December 28, 1870. He married his third wife, Harriet Henry, December 23, 1875, who was born December 1, 1850.

308. CATHERINE, born in February, 1830, and married Elijah Brown, September 28, 1853, who was born October 11, 1830, and who died in 1854. She married her second husband, Hiram Kennedy, May 16, 1858, who was born October 9, 1821, and who died January 27, 1865. She married her third husband, Tunis Cox, February 22, 1874, who was born February 29, 1819, and who died August 25, 1889.

309. MARY, born March 1, 1832.

310. ANDREW J., born December 17, 1834, and died February 6, 1835.

311. ELIZA, born June 26, 1837, and married Hiram Philhour, June 5, 1856, who was born July 18, 1836, and who died September 20, 1870. She married her second husband, Moses Amerman, November 7, 1875, who was born August 19, 1813, and who died July 6, 1889.

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PETER BLEW and MARIA MESSLER (195), his wife, had two children:

312. ABRAHAM, born near New Brunswick, N. J., in 1827. He married Deborah A. King, who was born at Boundbrook, N. J., and where he died, November 20, 1864.

313. SARAH MARIA, born as above, in 1830, and died in 1836.

JOHN A. MANLEY and MARIA MESSLER (195), his wife, had five children:

314. ADRIAN, born at New Brunswick, N. J., June 17, 1836, and died there, May 2, 1837.

315. ANDREW, born as above, September 5, 1837, and married Mary D. Davis, November 29, 1861, who was born at Piscataway, N. J., and died at New Brunswick, in 1868.

316. MARY JANE, born as above, September 25, 1839, and



married William T. Hastings, an Englishman, January 1, 1858. He was born in London, and they resided in Brooklyn, N. Y.

317. CORNELIA A., born as above, September 24, 1842, and died October 22, 1855.

318. JEMIMAH M., born as above, October 5, 1846, and married Moses Sammis, March 16, 1870, who was born at Middleville, on Long Island, February 10, 1819. They lived at Northport, Long Island.

DAVID LOREE and ANNE MESSLER (198), his wife, had four children:

319. SARAH M., born at Washington Valley, N. J., November 6, 1836, and married Amza Pierson, August 30, 1855, who was born at Morristown, N. J., July 29, 1822.

320. LEWIS M., born January 9, 1838, and married Laura Crane, November 6, 1859, who was born March 29, 1830, and died October 16, 1873. He died at Newark, N. J., June 25, 1864.

321. SUSAN J., born August 13, 1843, and married George P. Sery, October 15, 1867. He was born in Ireland. She died at Morristown, N. J., April 9, 1883.

322. ERASTUS A., born at New Vernon, N. J., March 18, 1848, and married Adeline Call, March 10, 1875, who was born January 1, 1851, and died April 6, 1876. He married his second wife, Mary J. Jameson, of Morristown, N. J., March 6, 1878, who was born November 22, 1849. They lived at Morristown, where he died, May 12, 1886.

WILLIAM L. WARNER and ANNE ARROWSMITH (205), his wife, had five children:

323. SUSAN ROOME, born March 21, 1827.

324. ANNE ELIZA, born February 18, 1829. She married J. H. Middlebrook.

325. LEONARD, born February 9, 1831, and died March 31, 1831.

326. MARY W., born March 10, 1832.

327. LEONARD W., born May 8, 1834, and married Sarah E. Longstreet, April 17, 1861.

JOHN TITUS and ELIZA ARROWSMITH (206), his wife, had six children:

328. MARY ELIZA, born November 22, 1836, and died December 17, 1872.

329. BENJAMIN, born October 23, 1838.  
330. ANNE AMELIA, born October 26, 1840.  
331. JOHN EDMUND, born February 22, 1843.  
332. HENRY, born February 13, 1845, and died May 4, 1865.  
333. JOEL, born March 29, 1847, and married Isabelle Rogers, May 31, 1870.

BENJAMIN ARROWSMITH (207) and ELIZA GOBLE, his wife, had three children :

334. WILLIAM G., born April 27, 1840, and died May 1, 1864. He married Kate Reed.  
335. MARY ANNA, born July 14, 1841, and married S. Thompson Seger, November 14, 1863.  
336. EMMA, born November 30, 1850, and died January 16, 1882. She married Albert D. Brown, September 22, 1869, and as her second husband, Robert F. Stobo, on November 26, 1874.

HENRY GULICK (208) and MEHITABEL PURDY, his wife, had seven children :

337. GILBERT, born April 7, 1830, and died March 30, 1833.  
338. THOMAS P., born March 21, 1832, and died March 24, 1834.  
339. CHARITY, born July 18, 1834, and died April 13, 1837.  
340. GILBERT HENRY, born March 7, 1837.  
341. LAMACHE, born March 17, 1840, and died two days later.  
342. LAMETTA M., born September 22, 1841.  
343. CHARITY, born December 11, 1845, and married James Brook, April 10, 1879, who was born in England, February 16, 1838.

HARVEY CARY and MARIA GULICK (209), his wife, had three children :

344. EMELINE, born in 1833, and died April 7, 1859.  
345. ELIZA, born in 1834, and died April 14, 1863.  
346. EDWARD, born in 1838, and died in the army during the War of the Rebellion, February 8, 1865.

JOSEPH FULKENBURGH and GERTRUDE GULICK (210), his wife, had six children.

347. SAMUEL C., born January 12, 1841, and married Susanne Ritter, February 14, 1863.

348. CHARLES H., born April 3, 1843, and married Lucy C. Clark, October 6, 1864, who was born February 12, 1845.

349. COLUMBUS, born January 4, 1846, and married Caroline D. Parker, who was born in 1855.

350. MARTHA, born May 22, 1853, and married William B. Woodruff.

351. SARAH L., born May 29, 1854, and married Anson Downer, of Michigan, who was born February 2, 1853. They were married on March 21, 1877.

352. ELMA A., born April 21, 1857, and married Truman Bailey, February 17, 1880, who was born March 26, 1858.

CORNELIUS M. GULICK (211) and MARY ANN MCGILL, his wife, had three children:

353. FLORENCE B., born March 17, 1860, and married Daniel F. Brister, February 23, 1886.

354. MELTA LOUISA, born April 8, 1863, and married James Dabbs, October 3, 1889.

355. ARTHUR CORNELIUS, born September 21, 1868.

JOSEPH O. MORSE and ELIZA GULICK (212), his wife, had six children:

356. AUGUSTUS, born September 18, 1839, and married Elsie J. Smith, September 17, 1866.

357. EDWARD, born July 19, 1841, and married Rebecca Francisco in November, 1866.

358. CHARLES HENRY, born May 28, 1844, and married Harriette Cary in 1869.

359. JOHN GILBERT, born July 22, 1847, and died February 1, 1885.

360. MARY ELIZABETH, born March 11, 1849, and married Edward J. Bridgewater in May, 1869.

361. CORNELIA, born February 22, 1857.

MILTON S. EVERETT and ANNE GULICK (215), his wife, had nine children:

362. SARON P., born May 5, 1846, and died April 22, 1847.

363. SAMUEL J., a twin brother, born May 5, 1846, and married Emma Walters of Wisconsin, November 27, 1878.

364. SARON E., born April 14, 1848, and married Ella C. Munson, November 28, 1871.

365. GILBERT G., born May 10, 1850, and died April 19, 1880.

He married Marcia Hardy, November 6, 1872.

366. CHARLES, born January 30, 1856, and died September 11, 1876.

367. SARAH ADA, born April 1, 1858, and married Albert Waugh, January 29, 1878, who was born July 2, 1851.

368. FREDERICK, born November 14, 1860, and died September 26, 1863.

369. GEORGE, born October 2, 1862, and died October 5, 1863.

370. FREDERICK G., born December 26, 1867.

ABRAHAM GULICK (217) and MALUNA MOE, his wife, had four children:

371. LENA ANNA, born February 28, 1863, and married Willis A. Upson, December 28, 1887, who was born September 7, 1860.

372. JENNIE LENOTA, born November 30, 1867, and died April 22, 1868.

373. HENRIETTA IREDIA, born December 22, 1871.

374. FRANCIS M., born July 7, 1874, and died January 10, 1875.

JOHN Q. MESSLER (222) and MATILDA NEAL, his wife, had two children:

375. LORANA, born January 14, 1852, and married Le Count Myers, April 6, 1869, who was born February 22, 1846. She died August 11, 1872.

376. JAMES WILLARD, born August 19, 1860, and married Harriette B. Smith, January 19, 1881. He was a merchant at Hayt's Corner, Seneca County, N. Y.

ABRAHAM MESSLER (224) and CAROLINE MATTHEWS, his wife, had two children:

377. DENNIS, born February 26, 1850, and died October 23, 1871.

378. JEREMIAH, born February 20, 1853, and married Sarah A. Abbott at Glassborough, N. Y., February 5, 1880, who was born February 22, 1858. He was a carpenter, and they lived at Hayt's Corner, N. Y.

ABRAHAM MESSLER (224) and PHOEBE ANN MATTHEWS, his wife, had three children:

379. MARTHA ELMA, born October 19, 1859. She did not marry, and died September 7, 1879.

380. WILLIAM NICHOLAS, born March 29, 1861. He lived at Ovid, in Seneca County, N. Y.

381. CHARLES RUPERT, born February 3, 1865. He likewise lived at Ovid. These two sons were both farmers.

PHILIP D. LARE and LEANAH COUENHOVEN (Conover) (228), his wife, had five children:

382. GARRET B., born June 6, 1848, and died April 23, 1878. He married Jennie E. Hall, June 17, 1872.

383. ANDREW E., born July 15, 1849, and died June 13, 1851.

384. DAVID L., born June 1, 1853, and married Mary M. Crate, December 17, 1874, who was born July 21, 1854.

385. MARY J., born October 23, 1855, and died September 28, 1856.

386. ANNA L., born December 2, 1856, and married Henry W. Kenney, July 19, 1876.

PETER M. COUENHOVEN (Conover) (229). and HARRIET BEST, his wife, had two children:

387. FRANCES A., born August 26, 1851, and married John Little, January 13, 1874.

388. ANNA E., born September 1, 1853, and married George Hall, November 29, 1876.

ABRAHAM DAVIS (230) and CYNTHIA ANN JEROLAMON, his wife, had six children:

389. BERGEN, born November 11, 1860, and died February 16, 1867.

390. DAVID T., born October 18, 1862.

391. ANNIE J., born November 7, 1864.

392. JOHN, born January 14, 1868.

393. LYDIA R., born March 1, 1870.

394. WILLIAM G., born April 1, 1879.

JOHN M. YAWGER and JANE DAVIS (231), his wife, had four children:

395. MARY L., born June 8, 1856, and married Jacob Q. Carkhuff, May 13, 1876.



396. ANNIE E., born November 25, 1857, and married William M. Dalley, May 13, 1876, a double wedding with that of her sister.

397. BERGEN D., born April 2, 1860, and married Mary V. Case, December 5, 1883, who was born August 16, 1862.

398. JOHN H., born February 16, 1867.

JOHN B. DAVIS (232) and MARY ANN WYCKOFF, his wife, had five children:

399. ELLA, born October 29, 1861.

400. LAURA, born August 24, 1865, and married Marcus Larde, November 29, 1887, who was born February 8, 1865.

401. MARGARET A., born January 7, 1872.

402. ALGEMETTE, born January 7, 1879.

403. JOHN E., born February 23, 1881.

CORNELIUS A. VAN SLYKE and JANE ANNE MESSLER (233), his wife, had eight children:

404. LEWIS, born at Rochester, N. Y., January 20, 1834. He was a bookkeeper, and died November 25, 1870.

405. SAMUEL, born as above October 24, 1835, and died March 18, 1838.

406. JOHN HENRY, born as above February 2, 1838, and died at Paterson, N. J., in December, 1889. He married Marietta Siver at Buffalo, N. Y., August 10, 1859.

407. ALBERT, born as above January 8, 1840, and married Orlinsko Strickland at Buffalo, November 1, 1868. He was a bookkeeper, and died September 14, 1878.

408. ALLMON S., born as above April 24, 1842, and died August 20, 1844.

409. ELLEN, born as above July 4, 1844, and died August 12, 1845.

410. CORNELIUS E., born as above November 18, 1845, and married Angelice Powers at Buffalo, June 14, 1866.

411. FRANKLIN, born as above January 7, 1849, and married Ella Bonnell at Buffalo, October 12, 1872. They lived in New York.

ASBRAH HUNTOON and MARIA MESSLER (234), his wife, had three children:

412. ADELPHIA, born January 20, 1834, and married J. Spencer Fisk, November 3, 1850. He was a farmer and went

to the West many years ago and was not heard of afterwards by his family.

His wife lived at Port Gibson, N. Y.

413. EMMARETTA, born August 1, 1836, and married William C. Hoff, March 25, 1857. He was a farmer and died January 21, 1882.

She was living up to within a few years at Newark, Wayne County, N. Y.

414. ASBRAH, JR., born at Manchester, Ontario County, N. Y., July 1, 1839. He did not marry. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company H, 126th Regiment, New York Volunteers, as a private, August 11, 1862. He was promoted to First Sergeant in Company H, December 1, 1862, and to Second Lieutenant in the same company, March 14, 1863. He was wounded in action at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, but rejoined his regiment on August 6, 1863. He was appointed aide to Brigadier General Owen, commanding the Third Brigade, Third Division of the Second Army Corps, September 19, 1863, and promoted to First Lieutenant in Company H, October 22, 1863, and remained on General Owen's staff until June 8, 1864, when he died from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Cold Harbor, which took place June 5, 1864. He was in the battles of Harper's Ferry, Gettysburg, Auburn Ford, Mine Run, Morton's Ford, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, and Cold Harbor. He was a gallant officer and a gentleman highly esteemed for his manly and genial qualities.

SAMUEL F. WITHERSPOON and ELIZA MESSLER (235), his wife, had three children:

415. ORLANDO, born February 4, 1837. He was educated at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and became an Episcopal clergyman. He married Cora V. Taylor at Middletown, Conn., in December, 1860. He was settled at Birmingham, Conn., and died there April 14, 1886. He left a family, and his wife survived him.

416. JOSEPH, born December 2, 1841, and died October 23, 1848.

417. EDWARD, born May 26, 1845, and married Eugenia Toby of Rochester, N. Y., October 3, 1867. She died December 18, 1869, leaving one child. He married his second wife, Edna J. Sprong, September 22, 1880. They resided at

Bryn Mawr, Pa. He was graduated from Rochester University, and subsequently became a professor of music.

CORNELIUS MESSLER (236) and MARGARET CASE, his wife, had three children:

418. ELLEN ADELIA, born at Alton, N. Y., March 28, 1844, and married Joseph Gray, February 4, 1885, who was born in 1839.

He was a carpenter, and they lived at Petoskey, Mich.

419. CATHERINE AMELIA, a twin, born March 28, 1844. She did not marry, and lived with her twin sister in Petoskey.

420. JAMES HENRY, born March 28, 1852, and married Leilie May Cornor, February 22, 1882, who was born July 27, 1863.

JOHN MESSLER (237) and SARAH HUBBS, his first wife, had no children.

JOHN MESSLER (237) and MARY ANN KENNEDY, his second wife, had seven children:

421. MARCELLUS ORLANDO, born at Richmond, Va., August 29, 1847, and died June 10, 1848.

422. JOHN ALBERT, born November 25, 1849. He became a car-builder and lived in Richmond.

423. HENRY DE VERE, born August 17, 1852, and married Josephine Ney, June 12, 1877. He was connected with the Domestic Machine Company, and resided just out of Richmond, in the county of Henrico. He was at one time a Lieutenant in the Walker Light Guard. He was a popular and intelligent citizen and died February 16, 1890.

424. ELLEN CATHERINE, born July 4, 1855, and married Richard Morien, April 23, 1882. They lived in Henrico County, Virginia.

425. CORNELIUS NELSON, born September 28, 1858, and married Ruth Fowler, July 23, 1883. He was a printer, and they lived in Philadelphia.

426. CHARLOTTE VERENA, born February 4, 1861, and married Henry Hegameyer, May 24, 1884. They lived in Richmond, Virginia.

427. ADELAIDE REGINA, born November 23, 1864, and married James Hayes, September 1, 1886. They also lived in Richmond.

ASBRAH HUNTOON and HELENA MESSLER (238), his wife, had five children:

428. MARIA, born April 11, 1844, and married Collins Holcomb, November 24, 1868. He was a farmer and he died March 11, 1882. She survived him and lived at Port Gibson, N. Y.

429. ALBERT, born September 4, 1845, and married Henrietta Strong, May 13, 1869. He was a farmer, and they lived at Hopewell, Ontario County, N. Y.

430. FRANCIS, born March 14, 1847, and died July 18, 1847.

431. CHARLES, born June 5, 1848, and married Amelia Terry.

He was a railway conductor, and they lived in Minneapolis, Minn.

432. FRANCIS, born in 1850, and married Eleanor Macomber. He was a carpenter and joiner, and they lived at Shortsville, N. Y.

ISAAC CURTIS MESSLER (240) and SOPHIA MOTT, his wife, had three children:

433. ELLA CORA, born July 31, 1854. She was a student in the Philadelphia School of Design, and afterwards became a teacher of music, drawing, and painting. She lived in Camden, N. J.

434. CAROLINE CHARLOTTE, born July 22, 1856. She became a school teacher, and lived in Camden.

435. FRANCES JANE, born April 27, 1860. She likewise became a school teacher, and lived with her parents in Camden.

DR. HORATIO N. LOWE and CHARLOTTE MESSLER (242), his wife, had one child:

436. CAROLINE ELEANOR, born at Rochester, N. Y., May 14, 1854, and married James Banks Gilbert at Rochester, December 16, 1879, who was born at Savannah, Georgia, December 21, 1853.

He was a merchant at Oswego, Kas., where they resided.

HENRY VANDERBILT MESSLER (244) and SUSAN A. MATTHEWS, his wife, had ten children:

437. JAMES ARTHUR, born February 7, 1869, and died June 14, 1871.

438. ELIZABETH, born January 21, 1870, and died October 12, 1886.

439. MARY ELLA, born July 1, 1872, and married William J. Sneed of Richmond, Va., July 5, 1888. She died May 8, 1889.

440. HARRIET VANDERBILT, born March 16, 1875, and married Henry Currans Boyd at Lovington, Va., November 29, 1899. After their marriage they removed to Paducah, Ky.

441. JOHN HENRY, born September 16, 1877.

442. EDWARD MUNDY, born February 17, 1879.

Henry Vanderbilt Messler and his wife had four other children, but they were born dead.

CORNELIUS MESSLER (246) and CATHERINE BARTLES, his wife, had two children:

443. CHARLES BARTLES, born September 17, 1845, and married Lydia J. Biggs, January 25, 1871. She died July 22, 1889. He was engaged in various occupations, was a Justice of the Peace, and resided at White House, N. J.

444. JOHN THOMAS, born March 5, 1848, and died May 5, 1864.

WILLIAM MESSLER (247) and CHARITY ANN POTTER, his wife, had eight children:

445. JOHN, born May 15, 1844, and married Sarah Smith, of Wyoming Valley, Pa., in 1866.

446. SARAH, born September 8, 1846, and married Jacob Feicle, May 15, 1869. He died May 14, 1888.

447. DANIEL P., born May 15, 1848. He was a farmer at Gorman Valley, N. J.

448. ALLETTA ANN, born July 9, 1850, at Fairmount, Hunterdon County, N. J. She married Martin B. Huyler, July 25, 1868, who was born at New Germantown, N. J., March 1, 1847, and was a farmer living at Peapack, N. J.

449. HENRIETTA, born September 20, 1852.

450. JACOB N., born June 1, 1855, and married Alice Condit, July 4, 1885.

451. MARGARET, born September 10, 1857, and married Mahlon Smith, September 4, 1879.

452. GEORGE B., born November 8, 1864, and died as the result of an accident, June 5, 1888.



LEONARD CORWIN and ALETTA MESSLER (248), his wife, had two children:

453. GEORGE, born at Jacksonburg, N. J., November 11, 1860, and died January 30, 1865.

454. MARY A., born December 24, 1863, and married George J. Cole, December 24, 1883, at Sunnyside, Hunterdon County, N. J., who was born April 18, 1858. He was a farmer, and they lived at Lebanon, N. J.

ISAAC MESSLER (251) and MARGARET CORTRIGHT, his wife, had five children:

455. JOHN PRESTON, born at Newton, Sussex County, N. J., February 15, 1854, and died April 5, 1854.

456. ANNA ELIZABETH, born June 26, 1856. She lived with her parents at Stroudsburg, Pa.

457. IDA MARIA, born July 25, 1861, and married John L. Keiser, May 15, 1878. They lived at Allentown, Pa.

458. CHARLTON EDWIN, born April 11, 1863, and died September 12, 1884.

459. ROSE DELPHINE, born February 4, 1871.

JOHN L. MESSLER (252) and MARY C. KINNEY, his wife, had nine children:

460. KINNEY, born September 27, 1862, and married Lilian Stevenson, February 6, 1889, who was born November 17, 1868. They lived at Somerville, N. J.

461. CATHERINE, born June 19, 1863, and died August 8, 1880.

462. SIMON H., born August 19, 1865, and married Elba Smith of Johnsonville, Pa., January 1, 1889, who was born April 20, 1868.

463. ANNA MARY, born September 15, 1868, and married John Ackerman, who was born September 8, 1864. They lived at Newton, N. J.

464. GEORGE B., born September 23, 1871. He lived with his parents at Stillwater, N. J.

465. DELBERT J., born December 4, 1873.

466. JACOB CLARK, born January 13, 1877.

467. HENRY VLIET, born November 29, 1883.

468. ANNA B., born January 17, 1885.

SIMON H. MESSLER (253) and EMMA ANGLE, his wife, had two children :

469. JOHN A., born August 26, 1868, and lived with parents at Blairstown, N. J.

470. CATHERINE, born July 14, 1873, and lived at Blairstown.

WILLIAM S. MESSLER (254) and MARGARET M. VAN ZANDT, his wife, had seven children :

471. JOHN V., born March 22, 1848, and married Evelyn Willis at Somerville, N. J., May 18, 1873, who was born November 3, 1854. He was a railway engineer, and they lived in New York.

472. PETER S., born September 4, 1849, and married Eldora S. A. Hewitt at Jersey City, N. J., July 8, 1880, who was born August 5, 1855. He was likewise a railway engineer, and they lived in New York. He died October 10, 1902.

473. WILLIAM V., born August 6, 1851, and married Laura Hammond at Elgin, Ill., February 8, 1877, who was born August 20, 1859. They resided at Elgin.

474. DAVID N., born January 22, 1856, and married Louetta Opdycke at Somerville, N. J., February 12, 1880. He is the publisher of the *Somerville Democrat* and manager of the Somerville Publishing Company.

475. GERTRUDE, born December 27, 1858, and married Lewis S. Hewitt at Somerville, June 16, 1881. He was a machinist, and they lived at High Bridge, N. J.

476. CORNELIA, born July 14, 1861, and married Joseph S. Garwood at Somerville, September 30, 1884, who was born July 19, 1860.

He was a railway engineer, and they lived at Brooklyn, N. Y.

477. FREDERICK McDOWELL, born at Pluckemin, N. J., August 30, 1863. He removed with his parents to Somerville when quite young, and there he received his education at the High School.

After leaving school he entered into newspaper work, being employed on the *Somerset Messenger* and the *Unionist Gazette*. He subsequently went to Newark, N. J., where he was associated with the *Advertiser* in that city. In 1889, owing to ill health, he went to Asheville, N. C., where he resumed newspaper work. He remained in Asheville two years, when he returned north and again took his position with the *Adver-*

tiser in Newark, but continued delicate health compelled him to go south permanently. He then became connected with the *Asheville News*. His interest in this paper he soon sold, and in 1895 he established a printing office in Asheville, and it has proved to him a well-established and successful business. On April 11, 1888, he married Mary Ella Giles at Bound Brook, N. J., who was born February 5, 1867.

DENNIS S. MESSLER (255) and MARGARET VAN ARSDALE, his wife, had three children:

478. LAURA MARIA, born at White House, N. J., June 19, 1851.

479. EDMUND ARROWSMITH, born at Bedminster, N. J., January 20, 1854. He was engaged in the lumber business in Philadelphia.

480. ANNA, born at New Germantown, N. J., October 12, 1860, and married John C. Hess at Philadelphia, October 14, 1884. He was born at Ellicott City, Md., November 22, 1860, and died in Florida, March 2, 1895.

CORNELIUS S. MESSLER (256) and SUSAN F. DUNHAM, his wife, had one child:

481. CORNELIUS EVERETT, born at Bedminster, N. J., April 27, 1865, and married Josephine Campbell, at Newark, N. J., July 30, 1892, who was born at Metuchen, N. J., August 26, 1868, and died November 4, 1892. He was superintendent of the Newark Machine and Tool Works Company.

CHARLES W. SWIFT and MARY S. MESSLER (258), his wife, had four children:

482. ELMA DOREMUS, born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 17, 1854.

She was educated at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, and graduated in the class of 1873, as the salutatorian, or second scholar of the class. She did not marry, and resides with her mother in Poughkeepsie.

483. FRANCES GOLDSMITH, born at Poughkeepsie, May 23, 1856.

She likewise graduated at Vassar College, in the class of 1875, with the rank in scholarship of salutatorian. She married John Doty, of New York, May 16, 1882. He was born at Northumberland, Saratoga County, N. Y., April 26, 1854. He was an instructor in one of the public schools of New York.

They reside at Pelham Manor, N. Y.

484. CAROLINE PARK, born at Poughkeepsie, November 17, 1857.

She also was a student at Vassar College, and graduated as the salutatorian of the class of 1877. She was married to Edward Storrs Atwater, of Poughkeepsie, January 20, 1880. He was born in Cincinnati, April 10, 1853. He was educated at Phillips' Academy, Andover, Mass., where he prepared for Yale University, from which institution he graduated with the class of 1875. He subsequently studied law and was admitted to the bar of New York, and has since practiced the profession. He is also president of the Farmers' National Bank of Poughkeepsie. He has at different times been a contributor to monthly periodicals of some interesting and scholarly articles, chiefly on industrial and economic questions.

485. CHARLES WARNER, JR., born at Poughkeepsie, October 15, 1859. He received his early education in Poughkeepsie, subsequently becoming a student at Williston Academy, East Hampton, Mass. This institution he left after a time to enter Phillips', Andover, Academy, where it was his intention to prepare for admission to Yale, but the sudden death of his father, in 1877, caused a change of plan, with the result that, instead of taking a collegiate course, he entered the Columbia Law School of New York in 1878, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1880. He did not, however, follow the law as a profession, but shortly after his admission to the bar he entered into mercantile pursuits, in which he has since been engaged. He is at present in the coal business in Poughkeepsie. He married Adelaide Van Kleeck, of Poughkeepsie, April 20, 1881, and they reside in that city. She was born November 30, 1859.

EDWARD L. COVERT and HELEN DOREMUS  
MESSLER (259), his wife, had six children:

486. FRANCES MESSLER, born at Raritan, N. J., April 21, 1854, and married George Mollison, June 6, 1877. He was born at Boundbrook, N. J., October 22, 1847, and they reside at Boundbrook.

487. CAROLINE PHILLIPS, born at Somerville, N. J., October 7, 1856. She is unmarried and is connected with the New York Hospital, and resides in New York.

488. CHARLES SWIFT, born at Somerville, January 13, 1858. His early education was received at the Somerville schools. In

June, 1873, he went to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he was employed with the Pittsburg, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad Company in the construction of the docks for that company on Lake Erie. In November of that year he came to Pittsburg and accepted a position in the accounting department of the Pennsylvania Company, which controls, in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the auxiliary and allied lines of railway running west from Pittsburg. He has been connected with the Pennsylvania Company ever since, and now holds the position of Auditor of Passenger Receipts in that company and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. He is unmarried, and resides in Allegheny City, Pa.

489. RICHARD DYKEMAN, born at Somerville, May 17, 1860. He also attended the Somerville schools, and in May, 1877, he came to Pittsburg and assumed a position in the accounting department of the Pennsylvania Company and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. With this department he has been connected since coming to Pittsburg, although in different positions. He is unmarried, and lives in Allegheny City.

490. ELMA DOREMUS, born at Washington, D. C., December 25, 1864.

She is unmarried, and resides with her brothers in Allegheny City.

491. EDWARD LAMAR, born at Washington, October 30, 1866.

After the death of his father, in December of that year, his mother removed to Somerville with her children, and there he received his schooling, coming also to Pittsburg in October, 1883, as his brothers had done before him. Here he was employed for some years in the department of maintenance of way of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. Later he was in the superintendent's office of that company, and at present he is the claim agent of the company in the law department at Pittsburg. He is unmarried and lives in Allegheny City.

THOMAS D. MESSLER (260) and MARIA R. VARICK, his wife, had three children:

492. REMSEN VARICK, born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 8, 1858.

His primary education was obtained in several private schools in Pittsburg.



In September, 1874, he was sent to Andover, Mass., where he entered Phillips' Academy.

Having finished the course of study at the Academy he took the examinations for entrance to Yale University, and was admitted to the freshman class in September, 1876, graduating with his class July 1, 1880.

While he was a student in Yale he was a member of the different societies, and was a member of the Junior Promenade Committee of 1879, and in 1880, at the commencement, he was chairman of the Class Day Committee.

After graduation he returned to Pittsburg and passed the examination for registration as a law student in September, 1880. He read law at the Yale Law School and in the office of Hon. George Shiras, Jr. (Yale '53), in Pittsburg, who was appointed by President Harrison, in 1892, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In October, 1882, Mr. Messler was admitted to the Allegheny County Bar at Pittsburg, and in October, 1885, to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. After passing the law examinations he remained two years in the office of Mr. Shiras, and early in 1885 he opened an office of his own. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association for two terms in 1888 and 1889. On December 12, 1883, he married Miss Agnes Caldwell, of Pittsburg. Since their marriage they have continued to make their home in Pittsburg. He is a member of the Holland Society of New York, of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution. He is also a member of the Pittsburg Club and of the Pittsburg Golf Club, of which latter organization he is a trustee, and became president in 1902.

493. HENRY MARTYN, born at Pittsburg, September 4, 1859.

He died the following day, and was interred in the Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburg.

494. EUGENE LAWRENCE, born in Allegheny City, Pa., April 6, 1873. His early education he received at a school in Allegheny, and in 1884 he attended school near his parents' residence in Shady Side, Pittsburg, for two years. In 1886 he studied at the Shady Side Academy, then recently established to fill a much needed want in the growing residence neighborhood. Here he was prepared for college, and after a creditable examination he entered the freshman class of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, in September, 1891, and after passing through the full course was graduated, in June, 1894, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer.

He inherited to a striking extent the activity and strong constitution of his ancestors. Although all through his course at Yale he maintained a good standing in scholarship, he kept in almost constant physical training. In the fall of his freshman year he was on the Freshman Foot-Ball eleven, and in the following spring he was a member of the Freshman Crew. In his junior and senior years he was a substitute on the University eleven, and in June, 1893, he rowed No. 2 in the University shell which won against Harvard University's Crew, at New London, Conn., in one of the closest races in the history of those contests on the water. He was a substitute on the Yale Crew of 1894, and was president of his class for two years. After he was graduated from Yale he returned to Pittsburg, and was employed with the Carnegie Steel Company, at the Edgar Thomson Works at Bessemer, near Pittsburg, where he remained about seven months. In July, 1895, he was transferred to Duquesne, Pa., and was connected with the same company, as assistant superintendent in the erection of the new Duquesne furnaces, which are not only the most extensive in the land of the iron and steel industry, but the largest in the world. He is at present the superintendent of the Eliza furnaces of the Jones & Laughlins Steel Company, in Pittsburg. He is a member of the Pittsburg Club and of the Pittsburg Golf Club. He was married, on December 31, 1898, to Elizabeth Verner Long, of Pittsburg.

JOHN T. GRIMSLEY and CORNELIA MESSLER (264), his wife, had one child:

495. MARY SWIFT, born at Springfield, Ill., January 12, 1875, and married Roy Fleetwood Donaldson, November 17, 1896.

They lived in Springfield, but subsequently removed to Peoria, Ill.

CORNELIUS MESSLER (267) and ELLEN JANE DAVIS, his wife, had five children:

496. MARY ETTA, born at Whitehouse, N. J., September 9, 1859, and married Morris R. Cooke, December 30, 1885.

497. SUSAN S., born as above, January 19, 1862, and married Lewis A. Compton, June 11, 1885.

498. ANNA HARRIET, born as above, August 6, 1864.

499. ISAAC, born as above, August 4, 1867.

500. HENRY MARTYN, born as above, December 22, 1873.

VALENTINE NUNGESTER and ELIZABETH MESSLER (269), his wife, had four children:

- 501. WILLIAM, born in 1840.
- 502. THEODORE, born in 1842.
- 503. JOHN, born in 1845.
- 504. CHARLES, born in 1847.

CORNELIUS MESSLER (270) and LYDIA LEONARD, his wife, had twelve children:

- 505. ANN, born December 15, 1842, and married Halsey Cook, August 19, 1860, and died May 11, 1874.
- 506. CORNELIUS, born in October, 1844, and died October 16, 1889. He lived at Scotch Plains, N. J.
- 507. CATHERINE, born March 14, 1846, and married Alphonse J. Laine, November 19, 1882. They resided at Plainfield, N. J.
- 508. ISAAC, born October 12, 1847, and died September 20, 1867.
- 509. JACOB, born November 5, 1849. He lived at Scotch Plains.
- 510. CHARLES, born April 29, 1852. He lived at Scotch Plains, and married Elizabeth Crue.
- 511. SAMUEL, born March 16, 1854, and married Anna Abier. They lived at Rahway, N. J.
- 512. IRA, born August 4, 1855, and died September 20, 1875.
- 513. WILLIAM, born July 26, 1857.
- 514. ELIZABETH, born October 23, 1859, and married Charles Monfort, April 4, 1884, who was born October 28, 1851.
- 515. SARAH ELIZA, born October 23, 1859, a twin sister to the above. She married James Radin, who was born October 7, 1850.
- 516. ALEXANDER, born June 20, 1861. He lived at Scotch Plains, and married Catherine Roulston, December 1, 1881.

JOHN V. MESSLER, JR., (272) and ELIZABETH MASSACAR, his wife, had two children:

- 517. JOHN, born in 1849.
- 518. ALFRED, born in 1850.

ISAAC MESSLER (273) and JANE SPEAR, his wife, had two children:

519. GEORGE C., born July 11, 1849, at Madison, N. J. He married Delia Jerolomon, in 1870, who was born July 8, 1847, at Peapack, N. J. They lived at Dunellen, N. J.

520. HARRIET L., born May 29, 1852, at Green Village, N. J.

IRA P. MESSLER (274) and LIBBY ANN PEARY, his wife, had eleven children:

521. ELLEN, born May 19, 1852, and married Lewis Kelsh.

522. WILLIAM H., born February 16, 1854, and died early.

523. JANE S., born February 27, 1856, and died early.

524. AUGUSTUS C., born May 10, 1858.

525. FREDERICK B., born November 27, 1860.

526. SILAS M., born May 9, 1863.

527. WILLIAM G., born January 8, 1866.

528. CAROLINE L., born April 14, 1868.

529. GEORGE V., born July 7, 1871.

530. JANE A., born May 2, 1874.

531. THOMAS S., born October 5, 1875.

WILLIAM H. MESSLER (276) and SARAH J. SHIPMAN, his wife, had fourteen children:

532. CHARLES ALBERT, born at Mendham, N. J., June 5, 1857, and died March 6, 1869.

533. WALTER V., born as above, January 17, 1859.

534. ARTHUR, born as above, March 29, 1860.

535. CHARLES W., born as above, September 6, 1861.

536. WILLIAM H., JR., born February 14, 1863, and died December 24, 1884.

537. ETTA, born December 6, 1863, and married Albert Lopacker.

538. CELINEA, born January 26, 1865, and married Eugene Woodhull.

539. ANNA, born May 5, 1866, and married Ralph W. Beers.

540. BLANCHE, born July 22, 1869, and died August 8, 1869.

541. FRANCES C., born August 6, 1870, and died March 20, 1872.

542. HARVEY, born May 27, 1872, at Morristown, N. J.  
 543. FRANCIS, born January 16, 1875, and died November 14, 1881.  
 544. IDA, born February 19, 1880, and died November 8, 1881.  
 545. MABEL, born in 1883.

JACOB L. MATTOX and ELLEN F. MESSLER (277), his wife, had four children:

546. FRANCES ELEANOR, born at Morristown, N. J., December 4, 1860, and married William H. Smith, March 31, 1885, who was born July 24, 1854.  
 547. JACOB LEONARD, born August 28, 1862, and married Jane A. Towles, May 9, 1884, who was born December 23, 1867.  
 548. AMY ALIDA, born at Rockaway, N. J., June 26, 1869.  
 549. FLORENCE VAN NOTTEN, born May 13, 1872.

WILLIAM VAN NOTTEN and MARGARET MESSLER (278), his wife, had one child:

550. FRANCES, born in 1862.

BARTZILLAR MESSLER (286) and MARY A. WATERMAN, his wife, had seven children:

551. LAFAYETTE, born in Ohio, April 28, 1838, and married Elizabeth Sparks, June 9, 1862. They lived in Falls City, Nebraska.  
 552. GEORGE W., born in Ohio, July 30, 1840, and married Maria Fosselman, January 25, 1863, who was born February 10, 1842, in Trumbull County, Ohio. They lived at Stella, Nebraska.  
 553. ISRAEL, born in Ohio, July 11, 1842, and married Mary A. Fosselman, July 20, 1876, who was born November 14, 1840. He was a farmer, and they lived at Fort Wayne, Indiana.  
 554. ELIZA MARY, born in Ohio, September 28, 1844, and married Hugh Slain, a farmer living in Huntington County, Indiana.  
 555. SUSANNAH, born in Ohio, in 1846, and married Uriah Derr, a farmer living at Falls City, Nebraska.  
 556. WILLIAM ALBERT, born in Indiana, January 12, 1850. He lived at Falls City.



557. AMOS P., born in Indiana, May 11, 1857, and married Emma Fulton. They lived in Huntington County, Indiana.

JOHN S. KELSEY and CORNELIA MESSLER (287), his wife, had seven children:

558. HESTER E., born at Centreville, O., August 17, 1838, and married William S. Lownes, March 28, 1867. They lived at Springborough, Warren County, O. She died December 22, 1880.

559. GEORGE W., born as above, August 14, 1840, and died September 25, 1841.

560. WILHELMINA, born as above, February 19, 1842.

561. MELISSA E., born as above, December 14, 1843.

562. JOHN A., born as above, January 10, 1846, and married Mary M. Sellers, August 16, 1870, who was born June 16, 1852.

563. JOTHEM M., born as above, January 14, 1848, and married Rebecca M. Downs, July 1, 1881, who was born in Illinois, March 15, 1863.

564. CHARLES E., born as above, November 5, 1851, and married Eliza M. Berryhill, October 6, 1880, who was born August 3, 1859.

GEORGE W. MESSLER (288) and MARY BECK, his wife, had two children:

565. CHARLES, born at Dayton O., June 8, 1852, and died November 4, of the same year.

566. WILLIAM, born at Bellbrook, O., December 24, 1855.

SAMUEL B. MURPHY and ACHSAH MESSLER (289), his wife, had five children:

567. ALBERT ASBERRY, born at Bellbrook, O., April 7, 1842, and died June 21, 1848.

568. MARY ELIZABETH, born as above, March 3, 1844, and married John C. Baggott at Cincinnati, January 18, 1872, who was born November 30, 1840. They lived at Dayton, where he died October 21, 1872.

569. JOHN C., born at Dayton, February 25, 1846, and died August 22, 1847.

570. WILLIAM R., born as above, August 23, 1848, and married Louise Hardon, March 4, 1874, who was born in Cincinnati, in 1850.

571. ELLA JANET, born at Bellbrook, O., June 13, 1855.

DR. THOMAS CREIGHTON and ELIZABETH MESSLER (290), his wife, had three children:

572. LAURA ISABELLA, born at Fletcher, O., November 28, 1844, and married Edward Palmer, October 11, 1865, who was born in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1834. They lived in St. Louis, Mo.

573. CORNELIA A., born at Dayton, O., September 7, 1847, and married William A. Montgomery, July 27, 1865, who was born in Ireland, in 1834. They resided in Cincinnati.

574. JOHN T., born at Somerville, O., September 4, 1849, and died September 5, 1884.

JOHN J. CRATER and MARY MESSLER (296), his wife, had four children:

575. SARAH ANN, born in 1836, and married William L. Patrey.

576. EMMA SOPHIA, born in 1838, and married Sylvester Ball.

577. MORRIS, born in 1839, and married Louisa Swick.

578. MARY, born in 1841, and died in infancy.

NATHANIEL MESSLER (297) and LYDIA HOUTON, his wife, had five children:

579. ISAAC, born April 20, 1844, and married Emma Plumstead, February 10, 1873, who was born May 1, 1852.

580. EMILY, born April 17, 1847, and married Aaron Roberts, September 14, 1867, who was born July 1, 1842.

581. JOHANNA, born July 7, 1850, and died December 13, 1864.

582. MARY ELIZABETH, born October 27, 1853, and married Sylvester Harvey, January 15, 1875, who was born December 29, 1854.

583. NATHANIEL, born February 19, 1857.

JACOB EMMONS and MARTHA ESTHER MESSLER (299), his wife, had two children:

584. HARRIET K., born April 3, 1855, and married Henry L. Kennedy, December 2, 1875.

585. MARGARET S., born April 3, 1855, a twin sister to the above, and married Eli McMurtry, November 14, 1874.

JOHN H. MESSLER (300) and SARAH K. GALBREATH, his wife, had two children:

586. ISAAC G., born July 28, 1850, and died December 12, 1856.

587. JAMES A., born December 1, 1852, and married Henrietta Bevis, May 1, 1878, who was born November 19, 1859, at Cincinnati.

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LE COUNT MYERS and LORANA MESSLER (375), his wife, have had one child:

588. MARGARETTA M., born April 1, 1870.

JEREMIAH MESSLER (378) and SARAH A. ABBOTT, his wife, have had two children:

589. LE VERNE B., born July 10, 1881.

590. ARTHUR H., born November 28, 1884.

ORLANDO WITHERSPOON (415) and CORA V. TAYLOR, his wife, had seven children:

591. ALICE, born at Buffalo, N. Y., December 18, 1861, and married George Pratt Ingersoll of New Haven, Conn., November 3, 1891.

592. ELEANOR, born at Buffalo, April 7, 1863, and married Edward Shelton Cornell of Birmingham, Conn., November 3, 1886.

593. EDWARD TAYLOR, born at Buffalo, November 8, 1864. He is a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

594. ARTHUR STOREY, born at Buffalo, October 15, 1867.

595. GERTRUDE, born at Buffalo, January 7, 1870.

596. HERBERT, born at Buffalo, July 21, 1873.

597. CORA LOUISE, born at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 29, 1876, and died at New Haven, Conn., November 6, 1888.

EDWARD WITHERSPOON (417) and EUGENIA TOBEY, his wife, had one child:

598. ELIZABETH T., born at Rochester, N. Y., August 23, 1868.

EDWARD WITHERSPOON (417) and EDNA J. SPRONG, his second wife, have had one child:

599. EDNA S., born July 10, 1881.

JOSEPH GRAY and ELLEN ADELIA MESSLER (418), his wife, have had one child:

600. CHARLES HENRY, born at Petoskey, Michigan, January 3, 1886, and died the same year.

JAMES H. MESSLER (420) and LEILIE MAY CORNOR, his wife, have had one child:

601. MAUDE HULDA, born at Cross Village, Michigan, September 19, 1883.

RICHARD MORIEN and ELLEN C. MESSLER (424), his wife, have had three children:

602. CHARLOTTE MAY, born at Richmond, Virginia, February 3, 1884.

603. HENRY KENNEDY, born at Richmond, January 1, 1887.

604. MARY, born November 25, 1889.

JAMES HAYES and ADELAIDE R. MESSLER (427), his wife, have had one child:

605. HENRY JACKSON, born at Richmond, Virginia, August 28, 1888.

CHARLES B. MESSLER (443) and LYDIA J. BIGGS, his wife, had five children:

606. JOHN C., born at White House, N. J., December 30, 1871, and died April 6, 1873.

607. HENRY W., born as above, January 4, 1874.

608. EMMA S., born as above, December 6, 1875.

609. CATHERINE, born as above, November 13, 1880.

610. BERTHA, born as above, November 20, 1882.

JOHN MESSLER (445) and SARAH SMITH, his wife, have had one child:

611. MARGARETTA, born in 1872.

JACOB FEICLE and SARAH MESSLER (446), his wife, have had, it is known, five children, but their names and when or where they were born it has not been possible to ascertain.

MARTIN B. HUYLER and ALLETTA ANN MESSLER (448), his wife, have had two children:

612. CHARLES M., born at Chester, Morris County, N. J., April 16, 1870.

613. FREDERICK, born at Peapack, N. J., July 16, 1876.

JACOB N. MESSLER (450) and ALICE CONDIT, his wife, have had one child:

614. CHARLES, born November 12, 1887.

MAHLON SMITH and MARGARET MESSLER (451), his wife, have had two children:

615. ANNA MAY, born July 31, 1880.

616. DANIEL, born May 4, 1884, and died May 8, 1884.

JOHN L. KEISER and IDA M. MESSLER (457), his wife, have had three children:

617. JANE MAY, born in 1879.

618. DAISY PEARL, born in 1881.

619. GERTRUDE L., born in 1885.

JOHN V. MESSLER (471) and EVELYN WILLIS, his wife, have had six children:

620. JOHN STRYKER, born at Elizabethport, N. J., July 13, 1874.

621. CHARLES ELMER, born at Somerville, N. J., August 23, 1876.

622. FREDERICK, born at Jersey City, N. J., August 24, 1878, and died at Jersey City, February 21, 1879.

623. MARGARET, born in New York, June 6, 1880.

624. WILLIAM, born in New York, December 6, 1882.

625. JOSEPH WALLACE, born in New York, August 24, 1886.

PETER S. MESSLER (472) and ELDORA S. A. HEWITT, his wife, had four children:

626. CHARLES C., born at Jersey City, June 15, 1881.

627. LEWIS H., born in New York, November 28, 1882.

628. FRANCES M., born at High Bridge, N. Y., July 15, 1886, and died December 26, 1886.

629. MARY L., born in New York, January 6, 1889.



WILLIAM B. MESSLER (473) and LAURA HAMMOND, his wife, have had two children:

630. FREDERICK N., born August 14, 1878.

631. GEORGE, born January 7, 1880, and died December 14, 1882.

DAVID N. MESSLER (474) and LOUETTA OPDYCKE, his wife, have had one child:

632. ROBERT T., born at Somerville, N. J., December 29, 1885.

LEWIS S. HEWITT and GERTRUDE MESSLER (475), his wife, have had two children:

633. LILLY M., born at Jersey City, N. J., April 28, 1882.

634. GERTRUDE M., born in New York, January 9, 1896, and died July 22, 1896.

FREDERICK McD. MESSLER (477) and MARY E. GILES, his wife, have had two children:

635. LEON S., born at Newark, N. J., August 15, 1891, and died June 13, 1892.

636. CHARLES HILLIARD, born at Asheville, N. C., March 20, 1893.

JOHN C. HESS and ANNA MESSLER (480), his wife, have had two children:

637. ANNA M., born in Philadelphia, August 5, 1885.

638. GEORGE RUSSELL, born in Philadelphia, February 18, 1893.

JOHN DOTY and FRANCES GOLDSMITH SWIFT (483), his wife, have had three children:

639. KATHERINE SWIFT, born June 18, 1883.

640. OLIVER KEESE, born at Kent, Conn., August 16, 1885.

641. ELEANOR MANDEVILLE, born at Pelham Manor, N. Y., April 12, 1889.

EDWARD S. ATWATER and CAROLINE PARK SWIFT (484), his wife, have had four children:

642. MORTON, born January 11, 1882, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

643. LUCY LOVELL, born at Poughkeepsie, March 30, 1883.

644. ELIOTT, born at Poughkeepsie, March 28, 1886.

645. EVELYN, born at Poughkeepsie, May 17, 1891.

CHARLES W. SWIFT, JR., (485) and ADELAIDE VAN KLEECK, his wife, have had three children:

646. CHARLES WARNER, 3D., born June 30, 1882, and died February 10, 1883.

647. HILDA VAN KLEECK, born December 30, 1883.

648. THEODORE, born August 9, 1887. All these children were likewise born at Poughkeepsie.

GEORGE MOLLISON and FRANCES MESSLER COVERT (486), his wife, have had three children:

649. HELEN COVERT, born November 9, 1878, and died August 10, 1879.

650. CORNELIA GRIMSLEY, born August 9, 1880.

651. GEORGE, born July 6, 1882.

EUGENE LAWRENCE MESSLER (494) and ELIZABETH VERNER LONG, his wife, have had one child:

652. THOMAS DOREMUS, JR., born at Pittsburg, January 29, 1900.

ROY FLEETWOOD DONALDSON and MARY SWIFT GRIMSLEY (495), his wife, have had one child:

653. HELEN COVERT, born at Springfield, Illinois, October 31, 1897.

MORRIS R. COOKE and MARY ETTA MESSLER (496), his wife, have had one child:

654. HELEN R., born at White House, N. J., January 6, 1888.

LEWIS A. COMPTON and SUSAN S. MESSLER (497), his wife, have had one child:

655. ETHEL L., born at White House, N. J., November 27, 1886.

HALSEY COOK and ANN MESSLER (505), his wife, have had one child:

656. FRANK, born at Morristown, N. J., December 15, 1861, and married Ida Ayres in 1882, who was born November 29, 1862.

CHARLES MESSLER (510) and ELIZABETH CRUE, his wife, have had seven children:

657. ANNE, born at Scotch Plains, N. J., December 2, 1877.

658. LIDA, born as above, November 4, 1879.

659. EVA, born as above, December 24, 1882.

660. EMMA C., born as above, July 21, 1885.

661. LEVI L., born as above, October 26, 1886, and died in 1887.

662. SARAH L., born as above, July 5, 1888.

663. MARGARET V., born as above, October 2, 1890.

SAMUEL MESSLER (511) and ANNA ABIER, his wife, have had three children:

664. WILLIAM, born at Rahway, N. J., March 2, 1879.

665. CORNELIUS, born as above, May 5, 1882.

666. JOHN, born as above, June 21, 1885.

JAMES RADIN and SARAH E. MESSLER (515), his wife, have had three children:

667. IRA, born at Scotch Plains, N. J., September 21, 1877, and died June 4, 1879.

668. LAURA L., born as above, October 8, 1880.

669. HENRY S., born as above, June 27, 1883.

ALEXANDER MESSLER (516) and CATHERINE ROULSTON, his wife, have had three children:

670. HENRY, born at Scotch Plains, N. J., September 15, 1882.

671. FLORENCE M., born as above, October 16, 1885.

672. FRANK A., born as above, March 2, 1889.

GEORGE W. MESSLER (552) and MARIA FOSSELMAN, his wife, have had seven children:

673. MARY E., born at Bluffton, Indiana, July 15, 1865, and married A. Wilteman, April 6, 1890, who was born October 14, 1866, at Springborough, Ohio. They removed to Verdon, Nebraska.

674. JOHN F., born as above, April 14, 1867, and married Veta Johnston, February 22, 1890, who was born in Davis County, Kansas, June 4, 1872. They lived at Verdon, Nebraska.

675. JOSEPH M., born as above, May 28, 1869. He was a farmer and lived at Verdon.

676. LAWRENCE, born as above, February 24, 1871.

677. MARTHA, born as above, February 11, 1873, and married William Mark, February 12, 1891, who was born at Falls City, Nebraska, January 7, 1868. They lived at Falls City.

678. WILLIAM H., born as above, March 15, 1878. He lived at Stella, Nebraska.

679. BENJAMIN M. J., born as above, October 9, 1881. He also lived at Stella, Nebraska.

AARON ROBERTS and EMILY MESSLER (580), his wife, have had four children:

680. An unnamed son, born December 8, 1868, and died in infancy.

681. DAVID EDWARD, a twin, born December 8, 1868.

682. ETTIE ANN, born February 10, 1872, and married James Hunt, May 12, 1888. She died August 24, 1888.

683. LILIAN MAY, born January 24, 1880.

SYLVESTER HARVEY and MARY ELIZABETH MESSLER (582), his wife, have had five children:

684. GEORGE L., born May 6, 1876.

685. ISAAC CORWIN, born September 27, 1879.

686. FRANCES C., born August 17, 1882, and died early.

687. FREDERICK L., born November 17, 1884, and also died early.

688. CLARA ETTA, born October 5, 1886, and also died early.





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